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Nick Lyon, director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, listens closely as Genesee District Judge David J. Goggins gives his decision during Lyon's preliminary examination on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018 at Genesee District Court in Flint, Mich.

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Trump ready to ease rules on coal-fired power plants

By **MATTHEW DALY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is set to roll back the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's efforts to slow global warming, the Clean Power Plan that restricts greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants.

A plan to be announced in coming days would give states broad authority to determine how to restrict carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. The Environmental Protection Agency announced late Monday that acting administrator Andrew Wheeler planned to brief the news media

by telephone Tuesday on greenhouse guidelines for states to set performance standards for existing coal-fired power plants.

President Donald Trump is expected to promote the new plan at an appearance in West Virginia on Tuesday.

The plan also would let states relax pollution rules for power plants that need upgrades, according to a summary of the plan and several people familiar with the full proposal who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the plan publicly.

Combined with a planned rollback of car-mileage standards, the plan repre-



President Donald Trump speaks during an event to salute U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

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sents a significant retreat from Obama-era efforts to fight climate change and would reverse an Obama-era push to shift away from coal and toward less-polluting energy sources such as natural gas, wind and solar power. Trump has already vowed to pull the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement as he pushes to revive the coal industry.

Trump also has directed Energy Secretary Rick Perry to take steps to bolster struggling coal-fired and nuclear power plants to keep them open, warning that impending retirements of "fuel-secure" power plants that rely on coal and nuclear power are harming the nation's power grid and reducing its resilience. The White House had no immediate comment on the plan, and the EPA didn't respond to requests for comment Monday.

A three-page summary being circulated at the White House focuses on boosting efficiency at coal-fired power plants and allowing states to reduce "wasteful compliance costs" while focusing on improved environmental outcomes. Critics say focusing on improved efficiency would allow utilities to run older, dirtier power plants more often, undercutting poten-

tial environmental benefits. The White House rejects that criticism.

"Carbon dioxide emissions from the power sector will continue to fall under this rule, but this will happen legally and with proper respect for the states, unlike" the Clean Power Plan, the summary says. The AP obtained a copy of the summary, which asserts that the Obama-era plan exceeds the EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act.

Obama's plan was designed to cut U.S. carbon dioxide emissions to 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The rule dictated specific emission targets for states based on power-plant emissions and gave officials broad latitude to decide how to achieve reductions.

The Supreme Court put the plan on hold in 2016 following a legal challenge by industry and coal-friendly states, an order that remains in effect.

Even so, the Obama plan has been a factor in a wave of retirements of coal-fired plants, which also are being squeezed by lower costs for natural gas and renewable power and state mandates that promote energy conservation. Trump has vowed to end what Republicans call

a "war on coal" waged by Obama. "This is really a plan to prop up coal plants — or try to," said David Doniger, a climate expert at the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group.

The Trump plan "will make no meaningful reductions" in greenhouse gas emissions "and it probably will make emissions worse," Doniger said.

Gina McCarthy, who served as EPA administrator when the Clean Power Plan was created in 2015, said that based on draft proposals and news reports, she expects the plan will not set specific federal targets for reducing emissions from coal-fired plants. The plan is expected to address power plants individually rather than across the electric grid as the EPA proposed under Obama. The new plan would give utilities and states more flexibility in achieving emissions reductions, but critics say it could harm public health.

"They are continuing to play to their base and following industry's lead," McCarthy said of the Trump administration and its new acting administrator, Andrew Wheeler, a former coal industry lobbyist. "This is all about coal at all costs." □

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Michigan official faces manslaughter trial over Flint deaths



Genesee District Judge David J. Goggins examines the case as he gives his decision during the preliminary examination of Nick Lyon on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018 at Genesee District Court in Flint, Mich.

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — A judge on Monday ordered Michigan's health director to stand trial for involuntary manslaughter in two deaths linked to Legionnaires' disease in the Flint area, the highest-ranking official to face criminal charges as a result of the city's tainted water scandal.

Nick Lyon is accused of failing to issue a timely alert about the outbreak. District Court Judge David Goggins said deaths likely could have been prevented if the outbreak had been publicly known. He said keeping the public in the dark was "corrupt."

Goggins found probable cause for a trial in Genesee County court, a legal standard that isn't as high as beyond a reasonable doubt. Lyon also faces a charge of misconduct in office.

When the judge announced his decision, a woman in the gallery said,

"Yes, yes, yes."

"It's a long way from over," Lyon told The Associated Press. He declined further comment.

Some experts have blamed Legionnaires' on Flint's water, which wasn't properly treated when it was drawn from the Flint River in 2014 and 2015. Legionella bacteria can emerge through misting and cooling systems, triggering a severe form of pneumonia, especially in people with weakened immune systems.

At least 90 cases of Legionnaires' occurred in Genesee County, including 12 deaths. More than half of the people had a common thread: They spent time at McLaren Hospital, which was on the Flint water system.

The outbreak was announced by Gov. Rick Snyder and Lyon in January 2016, although Lyon concedes that he knew that cases were being reported many months earlier. He is director of the Health and

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Human Services Department.

Nonetheless, he denies wrongdoing. Lyon's attorneys said there was much speculation about the exact cause of Legionnaires' and not enough solid information to share earlier with the public.

The investigation by state Attorney General Bill Schuette's office is part of a larger probe into how Flint's water system became contaminated when the city used Flint River water for 18 months. The water wasn't treated to reduce corrosion. As a result, lead leached from old pipes.

"We're not looking at today as a win or a loss. We're looking at today as the first step and the next step for justice for the moms, dads and kids of Flint," said Schuette spokeswoman Andrea Bitely, who specifically mentioned the families of two men whose deaths the prosecution blames on Lyon — 85-year-old Robert Skidmore and

83-year-old John Snyder. An additional 14 current or former state and local officials have been charged with crimes, either related to Legionnaires' or lead in the water. Four agreed to misdemeanor plea deals; the other cases are moving slowly.

"Normally we don't see government officials accused of manslaughter based on what they didn't do," said Peter Henning, a professor at Wayne State University law school in Detroit. "That does make it an unusual case, and it will make government officials be much more cautious. Maybe that's the message here."

Defense attorney John Bursch said the judge's

decision was "mystifying." Goggins spent more than two hours summarizing evidence from weeks of testimony, but he didn't specifically explain what swayed him to send Lyon to trial.

"We had 20 pages of argument in our legal brief that he didn't address," Bursch said outside court. "He didn't talk about the law at all."

A trial would be many months away after Snyder's term as governor ends on Jan. 1. He said Lyon "has my full faith and confidence" and will remain as Michigan's health director.

A courtroom spectator, Karina Petri, 30, of Milwaukee said sending a senior official to trial is "long overdue." □



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Fearful of losing Roe, left pushes Schumer for action

By **ALAN FRAM**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least once a week, they assemble in Capitol meeting rooms for an hour-long strategy session. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer convenes the gatherings, which regularly include several Democratic senators, a dozen Senate aides and representatives of about 20 liberal organizations.

The goal: figuring out how to derail President Donald Trump's Supreme Court pick, conservative appellate judge Brett Kavanaugh. Up to now, participants say the strategy sessions have been cordial. Yet with Senate Judiciary Committee hearings just two weeks off, cracks in the alliance are showing.

Schumer, D-N.Y., who plans to meet Kavanaugh privately early this week, is methodically building arguments that would help vulnerable Democratic senators in Trump-loving states vote "no," while avoiding explicitly pressing them. But the party's restive left wing says he's not aggressively rallying Democratic lawmakers to oppose the nominee, thwarting the momentum needed to galvanize voters and maybe even win the uphill fight to block Kavanaugh.

"It's really a test for Schumer," said Elizabeth Beavers, associate policy director of Indivisible, an anti-Trump group. "Is he going to be the minority leader who lost Roe?" Roe v. Wade is the 1973 Supreme Court decision that established abortion rights.

"We're looking to Sen. Schumer to unite the Democratic caucus to fight Kavanaugh," said Ben Wikler, Washington director of the activist MoveOn.org. He said unless leaders unify the party and raise the battle's visibility, the news media will focus on Trump nemesis like fired White House aide Omarosa Manigault Newman and lawyer Michael Avenatti.

It's the latest manifesta-



In this Aug. 1, 2018 file photo, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., joins protesters objecting to President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh at a rally Capitol in Washington.

tion of the Democratic debate over how ideologically pure and confrontational the party's strategies and candidates should be in resisting Trump and his hard-right stances. That battle has played out in Democratic congressional primaries around the country and in Congress, where left-wing lawmakers are pushing proposals like universal health care that other Democrats shun.

Democrats agree that Kavanaugh's confirmation would tip the nine-member court to the right, threatening abortion rights, former President Barack Obama's health care law and constitutional constraints on Trump's actions as president.

Even so, the votes of three moderate Democratic senators facing difficult re-election races seem up for grabs: Indiana's Joe Donnelly, West Virginian Joe Manchin and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota. A few other Democrats are seen as uncertain, from Alabama and Florida, for example, while about 20 who are considered certain to oppose Kavanaugh

haven't declared their positions.

"It undermines our efforts when members of the public don't see their elected leaders in Congress reacting with more fury," said Brian Fallon, a former Schumer aide now heading Demand Justice, a Democratic-aligned liberal group trying to sink the nomination. Fallon said there is "urgent need for Democrats to unite quickly against Kavanaugh in order to shift the dynamic here."

Republicans have a 50-49 Senate edge, excluding the absent and ailing Arizona Republican John McCain, so Democrats alone can't stop a united GOP. Schumer's hopes of defeating Kavanaugh lie in unearthing game-changing revelations in documents from his earlier White House and judicial jobs, or creating an irresistible groundswell against him among constituents of moderate Republicans and vacillating Democrats.

"Our job is to convince the American people he will undo women's reproductive freedom and undo health care," Schumer said

in a brief interview when asked about liberals' complaints about his efforts.

Abortion rights, environmental and other liberal groups applaud Schumer's measured tactics, which have included Senate speeches and news conferences and frequent conference calls with outside organizations.

Schumer's focus on Kavanaugh's perceived threat to abortion rights is aimed at pressing moderate GOP Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Alaska's Lisa Murkowski. Talking about health care provides ammunition to Democratic senators from GOP-leaning states, where the benefits of Obama's health law are often popular.

"What really matters is not so much what happens in Washington but what constituents think in Indiana, West Virginia and North Dakota when they realize Kavanaugh would take away their health care," said Nan Aron, president of the liberal Alliance for Justice.

Liberal activists are adamant that Kavanaugh would be a vote against "Obamacare" on the

bench, particularly in a coming case challenging protections for people with pre-existing conditions. But an Associated Press review in July of Kavanaugh's decisions, other writings and speeches provided few clues about how he might rule on the law.

Schumer is also increasingly focused on the GOP's refusal to request the release of millions of pages of documents from Kavanaugh's three years as President George W. Bush's staff secretary, which could reveal the nominee's views on touchy subjects like torture of terrorist suspects, abortion and government eavesdropping.

With many documents probably remaining secret until after a Senate confirmation vote that could come by Oct. 1, Schumer's subtext for senators backing Kavanaugh is: Beware.

"Those documents will come out eventually and senators will really have egg on their faces if they voted for someone without knowing what was in their record," said Kristine Lucius, a vice president of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

Mindful of November elections in which Democrats have an outside chance of grabbing Senate control, Schumer seems to be giving his red-state senators space to back Kavanaugh if Republicans assure his confirmation by remaining united. It also makes sense because with moderates always trying to show their independence, "If the leadership tried to twist the arms of redder state senators, it would backfire," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn. Even so, liberals say Schumer is not living up to his promise in July to oppose Kavanaugh "with everything I've got."

"It's pretty reprehensible that they haven't voiced their opposition to Kavanaugh already," said Shaunna Thomas, executive director of Ultraviolet, a liberal women's advocacy group. □



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Melania Trump planning solo international swing to Africa

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Melania Trump is planning her first big solo international swing with a trip through several African countries in October. The first lady told The Associated Press in a written statement Monday that she's looking forward to learning about the issues that children living on the continent face, as well as appreciating Africa's history and culture. She recently launched a U.S.-based effort focused on the well-being of children.

Mrs. Trump plans to travel without President Donald Trump, who was roundly criticized earlier this year after his private comment about "shithole countries" in Africa was leaked to

journalists. Exact dates for the trip and which African countries she will visit remain to be announced.

"This will be my first time traveling to Africa and I am excited to educate myself on the issues facing children throughout the continent, while also learning about its rich culture and history," the first lady said in the statement.

"We are a global society and I believe it is through open dialogue and the exchanging of ideas that we have a real opportunity to learn from one another."

She added that she also looks forward to highlighting successful humanitarian work and development programs underway in the African countries.

Her spokeswoman, Stepha-

nie Grisham, said the first lady chose Africa as the destination for her first big solo international trip after she learned about some of the development programs that are underway in many of its countries. Those programs include investments by the U.S. in children's health and education, Grisham said.

The swing through Africa will be the farthest Mrs. Trump has traveled on her own since becoming first lady in January 2017.

Her only other solo international trip came last September, when she flew to Toronto for a day and joined Britain's Prince Harry for an Olympic-style athletic competition he established for wounded service members and veterans.



First lady Melania Trump attends the 6th Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention (FPBP) Summit at Health and Human Service in Rockville, Md., Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

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Mrs. Trump has accompanied the president to Saudi Arabia, Israel, Turkey, Brussels, France, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom and Finland, for his recent summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Due to

medical restrictions placed on her travel following kidney surgery in May, she did not accompany Trump to Singapore for his one-on-one meeting in June with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. □

Giuliani clarifies his 'truth isn't truth' puzzler

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's personal attorney says he wasn't trying to make an existential point about the meaning of veracity when he declared "truth isn't truth."

Rudy Giuliani's puzzling statement on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, following one by another Trump aide last year about "alternative facts," suggested that people in Trump's orbit might be denying the existence of reality.

Giuliani says his intent was



In a Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018 file photo, Rudy Giuliani, an attorney for President Trump, speaks during campaign event for Eddie Edwards, who is running for the U.S. Congress in New Hampshire, in Portsmouth, N.H.

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more mundane: to make the case that having Trump sit down for an interview with special counsel Robert Mueller's team wouldn't accomplish much because of the conflicting nature of witnesses' recollections.

"My statement was not meant as a pontification on moral theology," he tweeted, "but one referring to the situation where two people make precisely contradictory statements, the classic 'he said, she said' puzzle.

Sometimes further inquiry can reveal the truth other

times it doesn't."

Giuliani had told "Meet the Press" host Chuck Todd that Trump might "get trapped into perjury" if he were interviewed by the special counsel's Russia investigation.

"You tell me that, you know, he should testify because he's going to tell the truth and he shouldn't worry, well, that's so silly because it's somebody's version of the truth. Not the truth."

When Todd replied: "Truth is truth," Giuliani responded: "No, it isn't truth. Truth isn't truth." □

APNewsBreak: Alaska Natives believed whale hunt was legal

By **RACHEL D'ORO**

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Indigenous hunters in Alaska initially believed they were legally hunting a beluga whale when they unlawfully killed a protected gray whale with harpoons and guns after the massive animal strayed into a river last year, a federal investigative report said.

After the shooting began, the hunters then believed the whale to be a bowhead, according to the report released to The Associated Press last week through a public records request.

"The hunters also believed that if they were the first ones to shoot or harpoon the whale, the kill would be theirs," it states. "This comes with a large amount of community pride."

Federal law prohibits killing gray whales, though Alaska Natives are allowed to kill other whales. The hunt underscores the tension between animal rights activists who want to safeguard at-risk species and indige-



This July 29, 2017, photo provided by KYUK Public Media shows a gray whale being butchered near Napaskiak, Alaska, with the meat being distributed among several villages.

nous residents who depend on subsistence fishing and

hunting as part of their ancient culture and traditions. The whale strayed into the Kuskokwim River near the Yup'ik village of Napaskiak on July 27, 2017. The 37-foot whale was cut up, with about 20,000 pounds (9,100 kilograms) of meat and blubber reportedly distributed among Alaska Natives in more than five communities. U.S. officials didn't prosecute the hunters. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sent letters to officials in three communities advising Native leaders about the law and limits to subsistence whaling.

NOAA officials had declined to say which communities received the March 2018 letters, which also warned that future offenses would be dealt with more severely. The documents show the letters were sent to tribal leaders in Bethel, Napaskiak and Oscarville. Vivian Korthuis, CEO of the Bethel-based Association of Village Council Presidents, got a letter and said in a statement Monday that the or-

ganization respects national laws and international treaties to protect whales.

"We have provided educational presentations about whaling last October in our annual convention to help educate the region we serve," Korthuis wrote. "NOAA and other federal agencies are always encouraged to interact with the tribes on a government-to-government basis."

Napaskiak tribal administrator Sharon Williams said the Native council discussed the issue about two months ago.

"The incident came and went," Williams said. "We got reprimanded and that's it." The other leaders who received the letters could not immediately be reached for comment Monday. The Washington, D.C.-based Animal Welfare Institute criticized NOAA for not pushing for charges over a violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Institute wildlife biologist DJ Schubert also questioned the claim that the hunters originally believed the gray whale to be a

much smaller, white beluga, and then a bowhead.

"We have laws in this country. Laws have to be followed," Schubert said. "If laws are not going to be followed, why have them?" In a similar case in 2016, Native Alaska villagers in Toksook Bay killed a protected humpback whale. It also prompted a NOAA investigation that did not result in prosecution.

Killing the gray whale last year helped Native Alaska residents who got its meat and blubber after much of the salmon they had harvested was ruined by heavy rains, Williams said last year. The rain prevented the fish that was being dried outside from preserving properly. Eastern Pacific gray whales, also called California gray whales, are protected by federal rules. They feed in the Bering, Chukchi and Beaufort seas in summer and migrate down the West Coast each winter to breed, mostly in the bays of Baja California. The whales were removed from the endangered species list in 1994. □

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Pearl Harbor survivor who pushed to identify 'unknowns' dies

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLER
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — A Pearl Harbor survivor who pushed to identify buried unknown remains from the 1941 attack died Monday at age 97.

Ray Emory lived through the early morning Japanese aerial bombing but never forgot those who didn't. He spent the past few decades doggedly pushing for those unknown buried remains to be dug up, identified and returned to their families.

Emory died "died peacefully and without pain" in a hospital in Boise, Idaho, according to his family, said Billy Doughty, deputy director of public affairs for Navy Region Hawaii.

He recently moved to Boise to live with his son. He left Hawaii because his wife had died and he didn't



In this June 19, 2018, file photo, Pearl Harbor survivor Ray Emory speaks to guests at a surprise ceremony honoring him in Honolulu. Emory, who pushed for the remains of those buried as unknowns to be identified, has died.

Associated Press

have any family in Hawaii. He planned to go fishing in Idaho.

Before moving, he visited Pearl Harbor one last time in June. More than 500 sailors stood side-by-side on ships and piers to surprise him. They greeted him with salutes and cheers.

"Chief Emory fought back

that day, manning his machine gun, taking on enemy planes," Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, said at the ceremony honoring Emory. "He continued to fight on throughout the War in the Pacific. He and his buddies, with

help from the home front, helped create an unprecedented era of peace, stability and prosperity. Victory at the end of World War II was Ray's finest hour."

During the attack on Pearl Harbor, Emory managed to fire a few rounds at the airplanes that dropped the torpedoes. He still had an empty bullet casing that fell to his ship deck.

In 2012, the Navy and National Park Service recognized Emory for his work with the military and Department of Veterans Affairs to honor and remember Pearl Harbor's dead.

Bureaucrats didn't welcome his efforts, at least not initially. Emory says they politely told him to "go you-know-where." It didn't deter him.

First, thanks to legislation sponsored by the late U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii, he managed to get grave-

stones for unknowns from the USS Arizona marked with name of their battleship. In 2003, the military agreed to dig up a casket that Emory was convinced, after meticulously studying records, included the remains of multiple USS Oklahoma servicemen. Emory was right, and five sailors were identified.

It helped lay the foundation for the Pentagon's decision more than a decade later to exhume and attempt to identify all 388 sailors and Marines from the USS Oklahoma who had been buried as unknowns in a national cemetery in Honolulu.

Since those 2015 exhumations, 138 sailors from the USS Oklahoma have been identified. About 77 have been reburied, many in their hometowns, bringing closure to families across the country. □

Police: 1 dead after woman opens fire at Texas warehouse



Authorities investigate the scene after a deadly shooting at Ben E. Keith distribution center Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, in Missouri City, Texas.

Associated Press

MISSOURI CITY, Texas (AP)

— A female employee opened fire at a Houston-area food distribution center early Monday, killing a company manager and wounding another worker, police said.

The shooter, identified by police as Kristine Peralez, 38, was also killed in the attack, which happened around 2:30 a.m. at the Ben E. Keith facility in Missouri City, about 15 miles (25 kilometers) southwest of Houston.

Police Chief Mike Berezin said the woman walked

outside the warehouse after the shooting and was confronted by a responding officer.

"We actually had an officer that engaged the shooter," he said. "Whether or not the shooter actually was hit by one of our officer's bullets or if it was self-inflicted, we're not totally sure at this point."

Peralez was pronounced dead at a hospital. She had worked for the company for about two years, according to police Capt. Paul Poulton.

The overnight manager

who died was identified as Francisco Reyes. The other wounded worker was listed in stable condition at a hospital.

Berezin said earlier during a brief news conference that the attack happened during the overnight shift, when fewer workers were on duty. Officers were conducting interviews with the 20 to 25 people working in the area at the time, he said.

Several workers had spoken with the shooter before the gunfire began, Berezin said. □

Pope: No effort spared to fight abuse, but offers no details

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis vowed Monday that “no effort must be spared” to root out priestly sex abuse and cover-up from the Catholic Church, but gave no indication that he would take action to sanction complicit bishops or end the Vatican culture of secrecy that has allowed the crisis to fester.

In a letter to Catholics worldwide following damning new revelations of misconduct in the U.S., Francis sought to project a get-tough response to the perpetrators and a compassionate shoulder for victims ahead of a fraught trip to Ireland this weekend.

Francis begged forgiveness for the pain suffered by victims and said lay Catholics must be included in the effort to root out abuse and cover-up. He blasted the clerical culture that has been blamed for the crisis, with church leaders more concerned about their own reputations than the safety of children.

“We showed no care for the little ones,” Francis wrote. “We abandoned them.”

But Francis alone can sanction bishops and he offered no hint that he would change the Vatican’s long-standing practice of giving religious superiors a pass when they botch abuse cases or are negligent in protecting their flocks.

He said he was aware of the “effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world” to ensure children are protected and hold accountable those who commit abuse and cover it up.

But he made no reference to what the Vatican plans to do, saying only: “We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.”

The letter was viewed by abuse survivors as little more than recycled rhetoric that



In this Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018 file photo, Pope Francis prays for the victims of the Kerala floods during the Angelus noon prayer in St. Peter’s Square, at the Vatican.

fails to acknowledge the Vatican’s own role in turning a blind eye to predatory priests and fomenting a culture of secrecy that has allowed crimes to go unpunished for decades.

“That culture was overseen by #Vatican & codified into its laws,” tweeted Colm O’Gorman, a prominent Irish abuse victim who is organizing a solidarity demonstration of survivors in Dublin during Francis’ visit. “He needs to name & own that.”

Marie Collins, another prominent Irish survivor who resigned in frustration from the pope’s sex-abuse advisory commission, said statements about how terrible abuse is and how bishops must be held accountable are meaningless.

“Tell us instead what you are doing to hold them accountable,” she tweeted. “That is what we want to hear. ‘Working on it’ is not an acceptable explanation for decades of ‘delay.’”

Priestly sex abuse was always expected to dominate the pope’s trip to Ireland, a once staunchly Roman Catholic country where the church’s credibility has been devastated by years of revelations that priests raped and molested children with impunity and

their superiors covered it up.

But the issue has taken on new gravity following revelations in the U.S. that one of Francis’ trusted cardinals, the retired archbishop of Washington, Theodore McCarrick, allegedly sexually abused and harassed minors as well as adult seminarians.

In addition, a grand jury report in Pennsylvania last week revealed that at least 1,000 children were abused by some 300 priests over the past 70 years, and that generations of bishops failed to take measures to protect their flock or punish the rapists.

“Priests were raping little boys and girls, and the men of God who were responsible for them not only did nothing; they hid it all,” the grand jury report said.

The letter from Latin America’s first pope also comes on the heels of a spiraling sex-abuse scandal in Chile, where law enforcement has staged multiple raids on church archives to try to determine what was known and kept hidden about pedophile priests.

The three-page letter, issued in seven languages, referred to the Pennsylvania report but stressed that its message was to a much broader global au-

dience. In it, Francis acknowledged that no effort to beg forgiveness of the victims would be sufficient but vowed “never again.”

Looking to the future, he said: “No effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated.”

He demanded an end to “clericalism” — the culture that places priests on a pedestal. He said lay Catholics must help end that culture, since rank-and-file Catholics are often the ones who most fervently hold up their priests as beyond reproach.

That emphasis — on both the role of the laity and clericalism — is new for a pope in addressing the abuse scandal and seems a direct response to the Pennsylvania findings, said Kathleen Sprows Cummings, associate professor of American studies and history at the University of Notre Dame.

“That’s what people are feeling. That’s the rage,” she said, adding that she had acquaintances who were withholding donations to their parishes, refusing to address priests as “Father” and demanding at Sunday Mass that their

pastors address the crisis.

“I think this is a crisis and I don’t think many church leaders appreciate that,” she said.

Francis appears to hear that call, but it’s unclear if it will be enough.

Several years ago, he scrapped a proposed Vatican tribunal to prosecute negligent bishops, relying instead on current Vatican procedures. While he has taken some bishops to task, he has refused to act on credible reports of bishops failing to report abusers to police or otherwise botching the handling of cases.

Francis also has kept on his nine-member cabinet a Chilean cardinal long accused of covering up for pedophiles, an Australian cardinal currently on trial on sex-abuse charges and a Honduran cardinal implicated in a gay priest sex scandal involving his trusted deputy.

As a result, advocates for victims found his letter wanting. What Francis should do to protect children, she said, is to order the Vatican to release the names of all priests who have been convicted under canon law of abusing minors.

Unlike the U.S. bishops’ conference, which has referred only to “sins and omissions” in their response to the Pennsylvania report, Francis labeled the misconduct “crimes.”

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said it was “significant” that Francis used that term and called for accountability, “which in many cases means bishops.”

“This is a wake-up call for everyone,” Burke told The Associated Press.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro praised the pope’s letter and urged local church officials to “cease their denials and deflections” and accept the grand jury recommendations, which include allowing victims to sue the church for abuse that otherwise would fall outside the statute of limitations. □

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2 detained after shots are fired at US Embassy in Turkey

By ZEYNEP BILGINSOY

Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Shots were fired from a moving car at the U.S. Embassy in Turkey before dawn Monday, an attack that came during heightened tensions between the two NATO allies. Officials said two people with criminal records were detained.

There were no casualties in the fleeting attack, in which three of the six bullets fired hit the embassy gate and a reinforced window in the building in Ankara.

The Ankara governor's office named the suspects as Ahmet Celikten, 39, and Osman Gundas, 38, saying they had confessed. Authorities seized a 9-millimeter gun and a vehicle with Ankara license plates.

Celikten had escaped prison and Gundas had several crimes under his belt, including car theft, drugs and threats, the governor's office said.

The U.S. Embassy thanked Turkish authorities, tweeting that it appreciated their "fast and professional action" in arresting the two suspects.

Turkish officials are locked in a trade and diplomatic dispute with the United States but they fully condemned the shooting. Presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin



The damage to a security booth by a shot fired, is seen outside the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

tweeted that it was "an attempt to create chaos." A top official in Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party said the attack was a "clear provocation" and that foreign diplomats are guests of the country. "The utmost sensitivity will be shown to ensure their security," said the party spokesman, Omer Celik. The governor's office said authorities are investigating the suspects' links.

The U.S. Embassy was planning to close at midday Monday anyway until the end of the week for the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Adha. Tensions between the U.S. and Turkey are high, partly because of the case of Andrew Brunson, an American pastor who is being prosecuted in Turkey for alleged espionage and terrorism-related offenses. He denies any wrongdoing

and U.S. President Donald Trump has called for his immediate release. Turkey has long criticized the United States for not agreeing to hand over Fethullah Gulen, a Muslim cleric accused by Turkish authorities of engineering an attempted coup in 2016. Gulen denies those allegations. Washington has told Turkey it must present convincing evidence for any extradition proceeding to

go forward.

The Turkish lira has lost 39 percent of its value against the U.S. dollar since the beginning of the year and was hurt further by recent U.S. tariffs on Turkish steel and aluminum. Turkey's economy is already vulnerable because of heavy foreign currency borrowing that fueled high growth for years.

Also Monday, Turkey filed a complaint about the U.S. tariffs at the World Trade Organization, the WTO said. The two sides can now try to resolve the dispute without litigation — if talks fail after 60 days, a WTO panel can be asked to judge the matter, it said.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whose government imposed its own tit-for-tat tariffs on some American goods, alluded to the dispute with the U.S. in a pre-recorded holiday message.

"There is no difference between the direct attacks on our call to prayer and our flag and the attack on our economy," said Erdogan. "Those who think they can make Turkey give in with the foreign exchange rate will soon see they are wrong."

U.S. diplomatic offices have been targeted in the past in Turkey. □

South Sudan claims civil war is over but skepticism abounds

By **SAM MEDNICK**

Associated Press

NYAL, South Sudan (AP)

— South Sudan's government claims the shattering five-year civil war is finally over, but there is considerable skepticism. It wasn't helped by the sight of President Salva Kiir refusing to shake the hand of rival Riek Machar after they signed a power-sharing deal this month, according to video footage seen by The Associated Press.

This latest attempt at peace already shows cracks, with the armed opposition last week saying several key issues, including reconciliation, are yet to be resolved as the warring forces prepare to merge and Machar is set to return to the capital as Kiir's deputy once more. Machar's side won't sign a final agreement that doesn't ensure "accountability and justice and free and fair elections" at the end of the three-year transition period, chairman Mabior Garang de Mabior told AP.

Even as negotiations continue in Sudan, which has taken the lead in peace



In this photo taken Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018, people travel by canoe between small islands off mainland from the opposition-held town of Nyal in Unity state, in South Sudan.

talks as it eyes South Sudan's oil resources, the United States and many South Sudanese express deep concern that the fragile peace deal will end in violence as the previous one did in July 2016, with Machar fleeing his vice president post, and the country, on foot.

Now this East African nation, whose civil war along largely ethnic lines has cre-

ated Africa's largest refugee crisis since the 1994 Rwandan genocide, nervously awaits the rebel leader's return.

South Sudan's government acknowledges that some issues remain but says the current deal is genuine.

"It is the end of the war and the beginning of a new era," said Maal Maker Thiong, who works in the presi-

dent's office.

The civil war in the world's youngest nation has killed tens of thousands of people and sent more than 2 million fleeing since the fighting erupted between supporters of Kiir and then-deputy Machar in December 2013, two years after the country won independence from Sudan. Half of the remaining population

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of roughly 12 million is near starvation, according to U.N. agencies.

The idea that the two men whose rivalry has caused so much destruction are now in charge of finding peace has alarmed some in the international community and on the ground.

"We have seen time again that power-sharing is a recipe for more conflict in South Sudan and that Salva Kiir and Riek Machar are in fact obstacles to ending the war and not vehicles for resolving the conflict," said Payton Knopf, a former coordinator of the U.N. panel of experts on South Sudan and former U.S. diplomat.

As part of the new peace agreement, Machar will return as one of five vice presidents. Government and opposition forces will merge into one national army. A three-year transitional period will follow, culminating in elections. Machar is expected to return within eight months, but opposition chairman Mabior said that will happen only with signs the agreement is being carried out. □

Russia: West is obstructing aid to Syria, return of refugees



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, attends his meeting with Lebanon's Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) —

Russia lashed out at Western countries on Monday, accusing them of blocking U.N. aid for Syria's reconstruction and trying to prevent the return of refugees. Foreign Minister Sergey Lav-

rov said after talks with his Lebanese counterpart, Gebran Bassil, that the U.S. refusal to provide assistance for rebuilding Syria after more than seven years of fighting would deter Syrians from returning to their homes.

Russia has been the chief

backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad, helping his forces to regain control over most of the country. Now Moscow is calling on Western countries, which backed the opposition, to help fund reconstruction efforts, saying it would reduce the flow of refugees and migrants to Western Europe.

Speaking after the talks with Bassil, Lavrov bristled at the U.S. and its Western allies for making assistance to Syria contingent on a political transition process. He also accused the West of pressuring the United Nations to stay away from reconstruction efforts in Syria. Lavrov said Moscow is looking into why the U.N. cultural agency, UNESCO, is dragging its feet on the reconstruction of world-

famous archaeological sites in the Syrian city of Palmyra. He said the U.N. Secretariat's political department has explicitly banned any involvement in reconstruction in Syria pending a political settlement.

Lavrov added that he voiced a strong protest against the move in a phone conversation with U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"It's inadmissible when a group of countries manipulates secretariats of international organizations, which are supposed to be unbiased and independent," Lavrov said.

"The U.N. was created on the basis of ... equality of all countries.

I strongly urge our Western partners to return to that principle and not try to co-

vertly exploit international organizations."

He also criticized recent comments by Filippo Grandi, the head of the U.N. refugee agency, who said last week that it was too soon to talk about the mass repatriation of the more than 5 million Syrian refugees. Lavrov said the UNHCR should not be a "subsidiary of a group of Western countries."

Lavrov also charged that al-Qaida militants located near al-Tanf in southeastern Syria, where U.S. military advisers are based, have launched raids intended to prevent refugees from coming back from Jordan. Bassil said Lebanon, which is hosting more than 1 million refugees, fully supports Russian efforts to help Syrians return. □

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Brief Korean reunions bring tears for separated families

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**
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 Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— The 92-year-old South Korean woman wept and stroked the wrinkled cheeks of her 71-year-old North Korean son on Monday, their first meeting since they were driven apart during the turmoil of the 1950-53 Korean War.

"How many children do you have? Do you have a son?" Lee Keum-seom asked her son Ri Sang Chol during their long-awaited encounter at the North's Diamond Mountain resort.

The emotional reunion came after dozens of elderly South Koreans crossed the heavily fortified border into North Korea to meet temporarily with their relatives. The week-long event, the first of its kind in nearly three years, was arranged as the rival Koreas boost reconciliation efforts amid a diplomatic push to resolve a standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Hugging the woman he'd last seen when he was 4, Ri showed his mother a photo of her late husband, who had stayed behind in North Korea with him after being separated from his wife while fleeing south. "Mother, this is how my father looked," Ri said.

Before leaving for North Korea, Lee said she wanted to ask her son "how he grew up without his mom and how his father raised him." Most of the participants in the reunions are in their 70s or older and are eager to see their loved ones once more before they die.



South Korean Cho Hye-do, 86, meets her North Korean sister Cho Sun Do, 89 during the Separated Family Reunion Meeting at Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

Associated Press

Most have had no word on whether their relatives are still alive because they are not allowed to visit each other across the border or even exchange letters, phone calls or email.

About 90 elderly South Koreans, accompanied by their family members, will have three days of meetings with their North Korean relatives before returning to the South on Wednesday. A separate round of reunions from Friday to Sunday will involve more than 300 other South Koreans, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry.

During Monday's meeting, many elderly Koreans held each other's hands and wiped away tears with handkerchiefs while asking how their relatives had lived. They showed photos of family members who couldn't come to their meetings.

Han Shin-ja, a 99-year-old

South Korean woman, was at a loss for words after she reunited with her two North Korean daughters, both in their early 70s. Not knowing their separation would be permanent, she left them behind in the North during the war while fleeing south with her third and youngest daughter.

She could only say "Ah" and "When I fled ..." before choking up with tears.

Kim Sun Ok, an 81-year-old North Korean woman, said she found that she and her 88-year-old brother from South Korea resembled each other a great deal. "Brother, it would be really good if Korean unification comes. Let's live together even at least one minute after unification before we die," the woman said tearfully.

Before this week's reunions, nearly 20,000 people had participated in 20 rounds of face-to-face reunions

since 2000. Another 3,700 exchanged video messages with their North Korean relatives. None have had a second chance to see or talk with their relatives.

During the three years since the reunions were last held, North Korea tested three nuclear weapons and multiple missiles that demonstrated they potentially could strike the continental United States.

North Korea has shifted to diplomacy in recent months. Leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, a son of North Korean war refugees, agreed to resume the reunions during the first of their two summits this year in April.

South Korea sees the separated families as the largest humanitarian issue created by the war, which killed and injured millions and cemented the division of the Korean Peninsula into the

North and South. The Unification Ministry estimates there are currently about 600,000 to 700,000 South Koreans with immediate or extended relatives in North Korea. More than 75,000 of the 132,000 South Koreans who have applied to participate in reunions have died, according to a ministry record. South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Monday reiterated that time is running out to expand the reunion program, saying it would be a "shameful thing" for both Koreas to see many elderly people dying without even finding out whether their loved ones are still alive.

Moon attended a 2004 reunion to meet his aunt. "As a separated family member, I deeply share their sorrow and pitifulness," he said during a meeting with his aides. North Korea is reluctant to accept calls for more reunions. Analysts say it sees the reunions as an important bargaining chip and believes more reunions would give its people a better awareness of the outside world. While South Korea uses a computerized lottery to pick participants for the reunions, North Korea is believed to choose based on loyalty to its authoritarian leadership. □



Brazil rules out closing border to Venezuelan immigrants

By **MAURICIO SAVARESE**

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil says it won't close its border with Venezuela despite tensions that led to attacks on migrants who had fled to the border town of Paracaima.

Institutional Security Minister Gen. Sergio Etchegoyen said at a news conference on Monday that closing the border would be illegal and wouldn't help ease the situation in the border town. Residents of Paracaima attacked Venezuelan immigrants on Saturday after a local storeowner was robbed, stabbed and beaten in an assault the Brazilians blamed on four immigrants.

"The closing of the border is unthinkable because it is illegal," Etchegoyen said. "Brazil's immigration act says we have to take care of immigrants and refugees that arrive in this condition." Political and economic turmoil has driven tens of thousands of Venezuelans across the border, straining the capacity of small towns in the area to cope.



In this file photograph of March 9, 2018, some Venezuelans move with their luggage after crossing the border between Brazil and Venezuela in the city of Paracaima, in the Brazilian state of Roraima.

Associated Press

About 510,000 Brazilians live in Roraima and 12,000 of those are in Paracaima, a city that has received five times its population in Venezuelan refugees.

Roraima state Gov. Suely Campos, who is in the middle of a re-election campaign, has pressured Brazil's federal government and

judicial authorities to close the border with Venezuela or send enough help.

Campos requested on Sunday that Brazil's top court temporarily suspend the immigration of Venezuelans into Brazil.

There is no date for a court decision on the case, but a similar request was denied

in April.

"Unfortunately it took a violent episode for the federal government to understand it needs to face this issue in an effective way," Campos said in a statement on Monday.

She is asking national officials for \$45 million to compensate for spending

made by Roraima state since 2016, when the refugee migration began to reach crisis proportions.

In another document filed to Roraima authorities, Campos said there is risk of a "bloodshed" in Paracaima and said "the chaos is a result of the omission of the federal government."

"Future violent incidents of dangerous proportions to the country's national security could happen on the next days," the governor said, mentioning other cities of Roraima where Venezuelans have also arrived. Minister Etchegoyen, however, said closing the border "wouldn't help with the humanitarian situation in any way."

Etchegoyen said the situation in Paracaima has calmed since Saturday, but no arrests have been made yet.

"Those people will take responsibility for their acts," he said.

"Those that took part of that probably regret it now."

Brazil's federal government is sending 120 military-style policemen to Roraima. □

Old-time union boss returns triumphant in Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — One of Mexico's powerful old-time union bosses has made an unrepentant, triumphal return to the public spotlight after being freed from nearly five years of prison and house arrest.

Elba Esther Gordillo was arrested in 2013 on corruption and money laundering charges, the last of which were dismissed this month. Her fall helped President Enrique Peña Nieto implement a reform requiring teacher testing.

Members of the National Education Workers Union she once led turned out to cheer her euphorically Monday, with some weeping as she appeared at a Mexico City hotel to read a brief statement.

"I recovered my freedom and the education reform has collapsed," Gordillo



Elba Esther Gordillo, one of Mexico's powerful old-time union bosses, holds up a document that shows a court ruling freeing her of criminal charges, during a news conference in Mexico City, Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

Associated Press

said, using the oratory and theatrical skills that once made her a major political figure. But she didn't say whether she would return to politics.

"For the present, I owe my time to my family who suffered during my absence,

but that doesn't mean I will abandon my convictions," Gordillo said. "My place and my loyalty will always be with the teachers of Mexico ... Life goes on, and things have to go well for Mexico."

President-elect Andres

Manuel Lopez Obrador, who takes office Dec. 1, has pledged to rescind the educational reform, and has announced a public consultation to determine how to improve schools.

The testing reform broke the union's stranglehold on management of the nation's schools, where some teachers had been able to pass their teaching jobs on to their children.

But Lopez Obrador, and many teachers, said the reform relies too heavily on standardized tests that may not reflect a teacher's ability.

Pre-school teacher Adriana Femat, 53, was one of the throngs of Gordillo's supporters who pressed their way into the crowded event hall to cheer Gordillo. Femat wept a bit as Gordillo—known as to her supporters simply as "The

Teacher" — began speaking. "The Teacher's words were very beautiful, with all the support for teachers," said Femat. For her Gordillo represents "respect for teachers. We have been so excessively insulted. Education begins at home," she said, adding parents needed to do more. But outside the hotel where Gordillo spoke, a small knot of protesters held up signs reading "Your place is in prison."

Gordillo had been accused of funneling about \$160 million in union funds into private bank accounts with the help of assistants. She was never convicted, but her spending — on luxury clothing brands, plastic surgery, and homes in San Diego — became legendary and contrasted strongly with the realities of her poorly paid teachers. □

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CINEARUBA foundation launches "Orange City"

ORANJESTAD —Red carpet style in Crystal Theatre more than 50 local talented young actors will be honored for being part of this fictional production "Orange City". The idea of "Orange city" was born from a story written by Juan Francisco Pardo in 1992, an Award-winning Caribbean Filmmaker born on this beautiful Island of Aruba. He is a multitasking filmmaker and media designer. His passion and vision for this art form has been recognized and has received therefore multiple awards for. He is also founder of CINEARUBA foundation.

CINEARUBA foundation was founded in 2010 as an educational organization, soon grown into a talent development platform that provides successful multidisciplinary workshops and projects. Currently, the organization is active in the educational, creative, cultural, and social sectors with film productions and projects related to cohesively tie these areas as unique concepts. In 2015, CINEARUBA foundation decided to establish a club "Into acting youth club" to promote personal development, develop talent and to develop acting skills in our youth. The club was based on the international positive development in the youth which is a program to educate and get the youth involved in different activities in a positive way.

"Orange City" consists of newspaper articles pointing out all the social problems that existed 26 years ago and that are still visible in today's society and which you can say got even worse. Some adjustments have been made in order for it to fit in today's digital social media. It is an educational story but also



wants to make the parents aware on how to deal with different issues with their kids. The young actors taking part in this project "Orange City" have been preparing for over a year now by taking acting classes. November 2016 the filming of this project initiated. The filming was planned according to location, which made every scene to be filmed chronological.

This way it would spare more time and it also put the young actor's memory to

the test. Acting is not easy. It requires dedication and a good memory. The public will see a series of scenes that follow each other but in reality these scenes were not filmed that way. Scenes have been filmed separately but will come together as a jigsaw. Just as acting is important so is everything else that completes the image such as the costumes, decoration, hairdos, makeup, cameras, lightning, sound and directing. It's a collaborative work. The post production

of "Orange City" took a lot of time. More than 40 different songs have been composed for this project from editing to sound effects, music, mixing of sounds and also color adjustments and visual effects.

"Orange City" is a big production for such a small island where funds for visual arts is not easy attainable. That is why the project was also split into different phases. It is the first time that a project this big has been done in Aruba. It shows

that Aruba has talent and that it requires passion and dedication in despite the limits that Aruba has for something like this. CINEARUBA foundation wants to continue producing more projects like this to get our community more involved.

Meet the actors

Meet Laurene Croes who plays the role of Samanta Ras. An insured young lady who goes thru a change in which everything just goes wrong. Croes is 17 years old. She is a student of economics at EPI College. Her hobbies are singing, acting and loves dancing. In 2015 Croes joined the 'Into Acting Youth Club' directed by Juan Francisco Pardo. There were several castings conducted for different roles and that way she managed to get a role in this project. This will be her first experience acting in such role. Her role in this project is of a young lady without experience. She is confronted with issues that youth nowadays encounter.

She becomes rebellious and has constantly fights at her parent's home. It's not an easy role but with a good guidance and good instructions from the director she makes the best out of it. One of the most difficult scenes was when she had to cry and had to show her sorrow in order to make it as real as possible. "It was a great experience in which you will learn that you have to have much discipline in order to succeed. The most I enjoyed was the time I spend filming this project. These were fun and memorable moments" says Croes. Croes send a special invitation to the entire community of Aruba to be part of the premier of this event which will take place on Saturday September 1st at 7 PM at Crystal Theater. □



Healthy Kids Camp' organized by 'Miss Aruba World 2018' was a complete success



ORANJESTAD — Miss Aruba World 2018 Nurianna Arias Helder is in preparation for the Miss World Pageant. The pageant will take place during the month of November 2018 in Sanya, China. The final night will be December 8th, 2018. A very important aspect of the Miss World Pageant is "Beauty with a Purpose". Which encloses that the participant has to choose a social cause that

she will work towards it for Aruba.

The candidate has to organize a social project which benefits her country. In the case of Miss World Aruba 2018 Helder chose the cause: Health benefits for everyone. Helder begs for everyone to have the right of access to health care but specially to our children. As part of the project "Beauty with



a Purpose" Helder started by organizing a camp called "Healthy Kids Camp" with the main purpose to educate the children on different important topics in order to make them aware of the importance of taking care of their health.

A total of over 40 kids took part of this camp which was filled with lots of fun activities. The activities enclosed nutrition and physical activities by IBISA, Nutrition activities by Pediasure (Medicosmetics). Yoga session with Mrs. Carolien Gaarhuis, eye exams by Kok Optica and a tour on how to plant fruits and vegetables by Santa Rosa. They also got some dance lessons and Zumba by "Youth in action". The

children were taught all kinds of aspect of health care and cultivation.

At the closing of the camp all the kids did a presentation to their parents and the press on what they have learned during the whole week. Posters were made by the group of children ages 6 to 11 in which they explain what they had learn. Group of children aged 12 & 13 did a show about "bullying" which refers to mental health. They also presented a dance show to inspire the public to be more positive and support others. Helder managed to collect 15, 328 Florins which equals 8,758 dollars in order to make the "Healthy kids Camp" project possible. □

Word Wide IFBB Elite Amateur and Pro competition in Aruba



ORANJESTAD — The International Giovanni Classic Fitness tournament will take place on August 25th and 26th, 2018 at the ballroom of Aruba Marriott Hotel. The

tournament is being advertised by all the media that covers the activities for IFBB International as one of the most important tournaments worldwide. The

driving force behind this event is Giovanni Arends.

Arends together with his team have ample experience in organizing such international events but this is the first time they will be organizing a professional-level tournament. There are already 30 countries registered, with each country having at least 6 athletes. Some of the registered nations are Holland, USA, Colombia, Venezuela, Bahamas, Trinidad, El Salvador, Argentina, Spain, Chile, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Poland, Angola, Zimbabwe and of course, Aruba.

Categories for this event are: Men's Bodybuilding open class; Men's Physique; Bikini Fitness, and Wellness just to mention a few.



Video clips of Aruba have been circulating around the globe in 194 countries. It is projected that this event will bring allot of visitors to our island.

They are expecting around 200 to 300 visitors from amateur to professional athletes and their families, acquaintances and fans alike for this event will be staying in hotels on the is-

land. With this tournament, Aruba and all that it has to offer on this beautiful island is being very well exposed through these promotions.

This will be a great contribution to the hotels, restaurants, and the economy of Aruba. The intention is to continue promoting this event so in the future we will have more and more visitors to our island. □

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History of Senior Citizen Day
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How to celebrate Senior Citizen Day

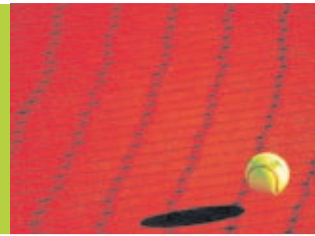
There are organizations that help to support those Senior Citizens who are living on their own, and they accept volunteers to work with them and help out the aging community. You can also stop by local Adult Care Homes to visit



those who may have seen their friends and family pass before them. If you have grandparents or other elderly still alive in your family, celebrate Senior Citizen Day by stopping by and telling them how much you appreciate them. Sitting down and listening to the stories they have to tell can give you a unique perspective on the world and yourself. □



SPORTS



Simone Biles smiles after receiving the gold medal as top-finisher in the all-around at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Boston.

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Biles dresses “for the survivors” while winning 5th U.S. title

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

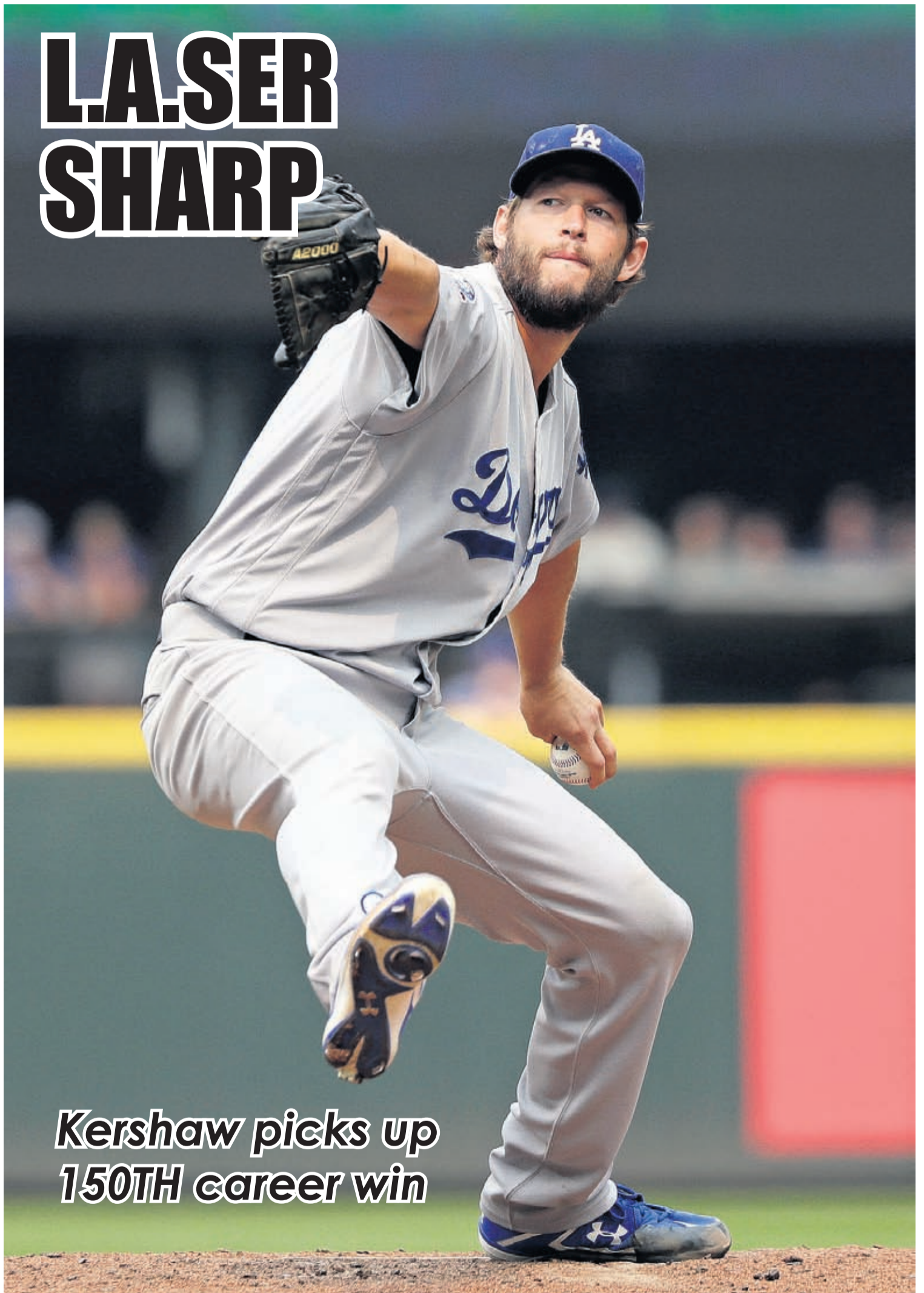
BOSTON (AP) — The color choice wasn't a coincidence. It was a statement. One Simone Biles felt compelled to make even as the organization she competes for struggles to find a compassionate and compelling message to sexual abuse survivors.

The Olympic champion designed the leotard she wore while winning her fifth US women's gymnastics title Sunday, all the way down to the light shade of teal. It's the designated color for survivors of sexual abuse, a group that includes Biles, who revealed in January she was among the victims of former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar.

“(The color) is for the survivors,” Biles said after becoming the first woman in 24 years to post the top score on every event on her way to a national championship.

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L.A. SER SHARP



Kershaw picks up 150TH career win

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws against the Seattle Mariners in the fourth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Seattle.

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Puerto Rico team that endured hurricane makes LLWS run

By **PATRICK BURNS**

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.

(AP) — After a five-inning, 14 strikeout, no-hit performance, Roberto Joubert stepped off the mound and made his way toward the Puerto Rico dugout.

An emphatic roar filled Volunteer Stadium, as miniature Puerto Rican flags waved in tandem with fatheads of each player. The Puerto Rico faithful consisted of no more than 60 or 70 people, yet their passion could be felt throughout the 3,000-seat ballpark.

At the front of the crowd was Pedro Ortiz, whose son Devin is a reserve outfielder. Ortiz has watched this Radames Lopez Little League team from Guayama win championships together at every age level since they were 5, and on Monday he saw another happy moment, a 3-1 win over Panama in an elimination game. But even he struggled to picture this scene 11 months ago.

"It's been a really really really tough year," Ortiz said. "For us to be here after Hurricane Maria, we really didn't know whether or not we were going to play baseball."

Last September, Hurricane Maria smashed Guayama, a coastal town of around 40,000. In the weeks that



Puerto Rico's Eric Rodriguez, second from left, is greeted at home plate by his teammates Luis A. Rivera, left, Yadiel Delgado and Carlos De Jesus after his home run against Australia in the fourth inning of an elimination baseball game in International pool play at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018.

followed, the Ortiz family didn't have a place to call home. Star catcher John Lopez had to scramble to rebuild his family's fritter business. Because the island's entire power grid was knocked out, pitcher Yadiel Delgado couldn't contact his father in Florida for weeks.

For nearly a month, Guayama was forced to come to grips with its new reality, a tall task for any kid. As families searched for water, gas

and other necessities, the Little Leaguers dedicated themselves to whipping their local baseball diamonds into shape.

By mid-October, they were finally ready, and a momentary distraction had arrived.

"The first goal was to bring some recreation to the kids, not to think about what happened at their houses," manager Carlos Texidor said through an interpreter. Communicating without a

functioning power grid and traveling through debris proved to be difficult, and once the players arrived at practice, they had to cope with fields that were in anything but pristine condition. To make matters worse, they could only play during the day — which is generally avoided in the hot Caribbean climate — and had to share the fields with many neighboring communities.

Yet practice after practice,

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the determined group of 11- and 12-year-olds kept showing up, and almost a year later, they're the first team in Radames Lopez Little League's rich history to make it to the Little League World Series.

"I learned don't stop, just go ahead," Delgado said through an interpreter. "Every time."

The team has lost just twice this summer and went undefeated throughout the Caribbean Regional, scoring 51 runs in the process. They will face another win-or-you're-out game on Tuesday, and still have to string together three victories to get to the tournament final Sunday.

Lopez said he isn't ready for it all to end, at least not yet. "I love to be here," he said through an interpreter. "I'm really comfortable here and if it's up to me, I want to stay here."

He's not the only one invested in the team.

In the midst of a breakout season, Minnesota Twins outfielder Eddie Rosario has followed the story of his former league diligently. The Guayama native video chats with coaches and players on a near-daily basis, and was on hand when Major League Baseball donated \$75,000 to Little League International in April. □

Want to vote for the Tennis Hall of Fame? Now you can



In this July 13, 2013, file photo, tennis great Martina Hingis, of Switzerland, laughs with Hall of Famer Rod Laver, of Australia, during her enshrinement into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I.

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By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

Martina Hingis figures she wouldn't have needed any help from fans to earn her spot in the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Still, she likes the idea that folks around the world now will have a say in who gets elected. "I would have hoped that people liked me and liked my game, liked my style, so hopefully that wouldn't have made a difference to make it in or out," Hingis said with a laugh during a phone interview. "I would have only hoped that it would only push me more. I would hope that in my case, it

would have been pretty clear that I had made it."

Her sport's Hall will let fans help select its next inductees. Anyone will be able to submit an online ballot starting in late August for the Class of 2019.

As in the past, members of the Hall of Fame, journalists and tennis historians will continue to be the primary selectors. So in the case of a candidate who is nearly approved by the Hall-chosen voters but did not quite garner enough support, the choices of people who watched from the stands or on TV could matter.

"You can help someone who maybe is close, almost

there, with 74 percent, and then with 1 percent of the vote from the fans or 2 percent, you get to be a Hall of Famer, because people liked you and they followed you and they enjoyed your game," said Hingis, who was a member of the Hall's Class of 2013 and now serves as an ambassador for the shrine, which is in Newport, Rhode Island. "Without the fans, you wouldn't have the sport."

The nominees for the Class of 2019 will be announced this week. The fan vote results will be released in October, and the list of inductees will be announced in January. □

Biles dresses "for the survivors" while winning 5th U.S. title

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"I stand with all of them and I think it's kind of special to unite (people)." The 21-year-old came up with the idea eight months ago, long before she knew how her comeback following a post-Olympic break would go. In the end, it simultaneously served as a beacon to her otherworldly gymnastics while also highlighting the need to keep the Nassar victims at the forefront. It's a balance USA Gymnastics can't seem to locate. Biles' electric performance came hours after USA Gymnastics president Kerry Perry spent 22 minutes talking around the fallout of the Nassar scandal without offering much in the way of substance in her first extended public comments since taking over last December.

Perry danced around the question when asked if the organization planned to do anything specific to honor the survivors. Ultimately, USA Gymnastics did not, though Perry said she envisions a day when the organization and the victims stand "side by side." It's already happening, and it has little to do with USA Gymnastics and everything to do with Biles. She has opted against providing specifics about her experiences with Nassar. In a way, her boundary-pushing gymnastics and thoughtful fashion choice will send a stronger message than any words ever could. Two years after winning four gold medals in at the 2016 Summer Games, Biles has somehow reached another level. She posted a two-day total of 119.850, more than six points ahead

of reigning world champion Morgan Hurd and a full seven points clear of Riley McCusker. Biles' margin of victory was greater than the gap between Hurd and 11th-place finisher Jordan Chiles. "She pushes us," McCusker said. "I'm honestly just in awe of her." Biles is the second woman to win nationals five times, joining Clara Schroth Lomady, who won six between 1945 and 1952. Biles also became the first woman since three-time Olympian Dominique Dawes in 1994 to wind up first on floor exercise, balance beam, vault and uneven bars. "It was shocking then (in '94) and it's shocking now, too," said high performance coordinator Tom Forster. Forster and the rest of the world might want to get used to it. Again. A year ago, Biles was wrapping up a post-Olympic



Simone Biles competes on the balance beam at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships, Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Boston.

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whirlwind. She basked in the aftermath of her glorious run at the 2016 Olympics in which she brought home a record-tying five medals and entered the "first-name" pantheon in her sport, a club that includes fellow Olympic champions Nadia Comaneci and Mary Lou Retton.

She didn't get serious about a return until last fall, when she went back into training with new coaches in Laurent and Cecile Landi intent on not just returning to the form that made her one of the stars in Rio de Janeiro but seeing just how far she could push herself and her sport. □

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Kershaw wins 150th, Turner 5 RBIs, Dodgers beat Seattle 12-1

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Clayton Kershaw pitched seven sharp innings for his 150th career win, Justin Turner homered and drove in five runs, and Los Angeles routed Seattle. Kershaw (6-5) gave up four hits, struck out seven and walked one. The 30-year-old lefty with three NL Cy Young Awards improved to 150-69 in the majors.

Turner extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a season-high four hits, including a three-run homer in the ninth inning with position player Andrew Romine on the mound.

Kike Hernandez had an RBI single as part of the Dodgers' five-run first inning against Roenis Elias (2-1). He added his 18th home run and a bases-loaded walk as the Dodgers won for the third time in four games.

METS 8, PHILLIES 2

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Amed Rosario had three hits and drove in three runs, and New York went from cheering on players in the Little League World Series to impressing the youngsters in a victory over Philadelphia.

Jeff McNeil added a two-run single to back Jason Vargas (3-8) as the Mets claimed the second Little League Classic and prevented the Phillies from moving into first place in the NL East.

Carlos Santana hit a two-run homer for the Phillies, but Nick Pivetta (7-10) allowed six runs in 3 2/3 innings in Philadelphia's seventh loss in 11 games.

Players and families from the 16 teams competing in the nearby LLWS packed into 2,500-seat Bowman Field, the 92-year-old home of the Phillies' Class A affiliate in the New York-Penn League.

The spotlight shined on New York's Todd Frazier and Michael Conforto and Philadelphia's Scott Kingery, who are among 54 players who reached the majors after playing in the LLWS.

BREWERS 2, CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mike Moustakas hit a two-run



Seattle Mariners second baseman Robinson Cano leaps over right fielder Mitch Haniger, who just missed a shallow fly ball for a one-run single by Los Angeles Dodgers' Justin Turner, in the fifth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Seattle.

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double, Jhoulys Chacin beat St. Louis for the first time in his career and Milwaukee edged the Cardinals.

Milwaukee (69-57) snapped a three-game losing streak and moved back ahead of St. Louis (68-57) for the second National League wild card. The Cardinals lost for just the second time in their last 12 games.

Chacin (13-4) entered the game 0-7 with a 6.90 ERA in nine career games against the Cardinals, but shut them out through six innings as the Brewers avoided their first three-game sweep at St. Louis since July 1-3, 2016. John Gant (5-5) gave up two runs on six hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings.

PIRATES 2, CUBS 1, 11 INNINGS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Adam Frazier hit a game-ending

homer in the 11th inning, and Pittsburgh beat Chicago for a split of their four-game series.

Josh Harrison grounded out and Adeiny Hechavarria struck out before Frazier drove a 3-0 pitch from Brandon Kintzler (1-3) deep to right. It was Frazier's fifth homer of the season.

The Cubs had a prime scoring chance against Richard Rodriguez (3-2) in the top half of the inning, but came up empty. Addison Russell was picked off third by catcher Elias Diaz, and Albert Almora Jr. struck out looking with the bases loaded with two out.

NL Central-leading Chicago managed just one run in each game of the series, but took the first two behind strong pitching performances by Jon Lester and Cole Hamels.

ROCKIES 4, BRAVES 2

ATLANTA (AP) — DJ LeMahieu homered, German Marquez pitched seven solid innings and the Rockies closed out their first four-game sweep in Atlanta. Colorado improved to 30-16 since June 26, and each of those 46 games came against teams with winning records at the time.

LeMahieu put Colorado in front with his third-inning drive to left field. He has hit nine of his 11 homers on the road, including a tiebreaking solo shot in the 10th inning of Saturday night's 5-3 win.

Marquez (11-9) won his fourth straight road decision. He allowed two runs and five hits.

Johan Camargo had two hits and two RBIs for Atlanta. Anibal Sanchez (6-4) struck out eight in 6 2/3 in-

nings.

MARLINS 12, NATIONALS 1
WASHINGTON (AP) — Jose Urena made the most of his borrowed time, pitching a two-hitter for his first complete game in the majors and leading Miami over Washington.

Urena (4-12) was suspended for six games by Major League Baseball after hitting Atlanta rookie Ronald Acuna Jr. on Wednesday. Urena was ejected from that start after throwing only one pitch and appealed the penalty, keeping him eligible to play.

Urena, tied for the NL lead in hit batters, didn't plunk anyone on the Nationals. He struck out four, walked two and retired the last 16 batters. It was his first complete game in 74 big league starts.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PADRES 3

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A.J. Pollock homered in the ninth inning, and Arizona beat San Diego to stay on top of the NL West.

Pollock drove a 1-2 pitch from Kirby Yates (4-2) over the wall in left for his 16th homer, sending Arizona to its fourth win in five games. San Diego had tied it at 3 on Daniel Descalso's solo homer off rookie Trey Wingenter in the eighth.

Archie Bradley (4-4) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win, and Brad Boxberger retired the side in the ninth for his 28th save. The Diamondbacks remained a half-game ahead of Colorado, which won 4-2 at Atlanta.

REDS 11, GIANTS 4

CINCINNATI (AP) — Eugenio Suarez hit a two-run homer during Cincinnati's seven-run third inning, and the Reds swept San Francisco.

Jose Peraza also hit a two-run homer for Cincinnati, which outscored San Francisco 18-5 in the last two games of the weekend set. Billy Hamilton tripled twice and drove in three runs.

Reds right-hander Luis Castillo (7-10) struck out nine in 6 2/3 innings. He was charged with three runs, one earned, and six hits. □



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Verlander wins 200th, Astros back ahead of A's with 9-4 win

By The Associated Press
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Justin Verlander pitched just well enough to earn his 200th career win and the Houston Astros hit five home runs, beating the Oakland Athletics 9-4 Sunday to avoid a sweep and retake sole possession of the AL West lead.

The surging A's had won the first two games at the Coliseum to tie shaky Houston atop the division. But Yuli Gurriel hit a three-run homer in the third inning and Evan Gattis, Alex Bergman, Marwin Gonzalez and Martin Maldonado later homered for the defending World Series champions. Maldonado also tripled and doubled.

Verlander (12-8) gave up four runs in 5 1/3 innings while becoming the 114th pitcher with at least 200 career wins.

Oakland's Sean Manaea (11-9) was charged with six runs and nine hits in four-plus innings.

INDIANS 8, ORIOLES 0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Melky Cabrera hit a grand slam to cap a six-run fourth inning and Cleveland beat Baltimore for its AL-leading 13th shutout.

Cabrera, batting right-handed against reliever Sean Gilmartin, hit a 1-1 pitch into the bleachers in left-center for the Indians' ninth grand slam this season, moving them into a tie with Boston and Cincinnati

for the major league lead. Mike Clevinger (9-7) pitched six innings and is 4-0 in five career starts against Baltimore. The right-hander allowed seven hits and struck out seven. Orioles starter Yefry Ramirez (1-5) allowed seven runs in three-plus innings. The rookie right-hander was removed after the first five hitters reached base in the fourth.

YANKEES 10, BLUE JAYS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — J.A. Happ stayed unbeaten with New York by topping his former Toronto teammates, and Greg Bird hit a grand slam during a six-run first inning.

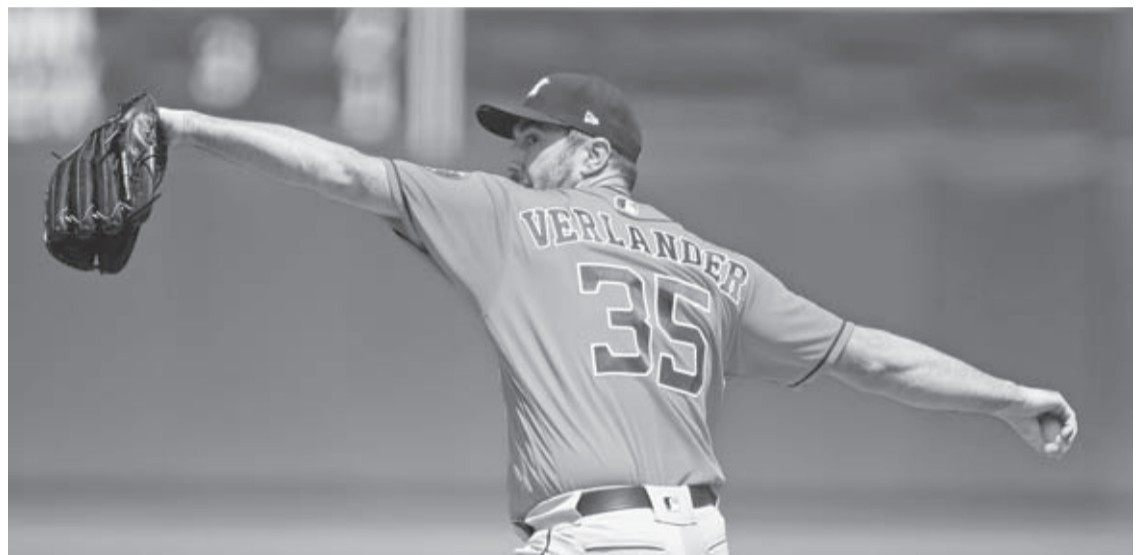
The Yankees completed a three-game sweep, but lost shortstop Didi Gregorius to an injured left heel. Gregorius was hurt when he collided with Toronto first baseman Kendrys Morales beating an infield hit in the first, and was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Rookie Miguel Andujar drove in two runs and backup infielder Ronald Torreyes, who replaced Gregorius, added three hits.

Happ (14-6) was facing the Blue Jays for the first time since they traded him to the Yankees on July 26. The 35-year-old has won all four of his starts for New York.

The Yankees' first six batters each reached base against Ryan Borucki (2-3).

RAYS 2, RED SOX 0



Houston Astros pitcher Justin Verlander works against the Oakland Athletics in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

BOSTON (AP) — Jalen Beeks pitched four strong innings against the team that traded him last month and Tampa Bay limited Boston to two singles.

Joey Wendle and C.J. Cron homered as the Rays topped the AL East leaders for just the fifth time in 16 games this season. Six of those Tampa Bay losses have been by one run.

Boston, which owns the majors' best record, lost for only the fourth in 21 games and was shut out for the fifth time this season.

Beeks (2-1) gave up one hit in relief, striking out three and walking two.

Boston starter Hector Velazquez (7-1) gave up a run and three hits in four innings.

RANGERS 4, ANGELS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rougned Odor connected on a go-ahead, three-run homer with rain falling in the seventh inning, and Texas beat Los Angeles to wrap up a soggy weekend. Odor's 15th home run of the season came minutes before the second rain de-

lay of a game that started 13 hours after the previous night's game ended. The rain had just started for the third time in Sunday's regularly scheduled game when Odor pulled a pitch from reliever Noe Ramirez (4-4) into the seats above the Texas bullpen in right-center field.

Shohei Ohtani doubled and scored the run that put the Angels up 2-1 in the fourth inning.

Three Texas relievers retired all nine hitters, starting with Matt Moore (3-6) in the seventh.

TWINS 5, TIGERS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Eddie Rosario hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning and Minnesota connected three times in all, beating Detroit.

Max Kepler and Jake Cave also homered as the Twins won for the fifth time in six games.

Behind in the count 0-2 after two swings-and-misses to lead off the inning, Rosario launched the third fastball he saw from Alex Wilson (1-4) into the right field

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seats for his 22nd home run. Trevor Hildenberger (3-3) relieved Taylor Rogers in the eighth and got James McCann on a grounder with two on to end the inning. He worked a scoreless ninth despite pinch-hitter Victor Reyes' leadoff single and a walk to Jose Iglesias to complete the outing.

WHITE SOX 7, ROYALS 6

CHICAGO (AP) — Omar Narvaez homered and drove in the go-ahead run with a single off Brian Flynn (3-4), Chicago relievers tossed seven scoreless innings and the White Sox rallied from a six-run deficit.

Avisail Garcia and Tim Anderson also homered for Chicago, which has won four of five.

Hector Santiago (5-3) allowed just two hits in four innings of relief to get the win. Jace Fry, the last of six relievers, got the final two outs for his second save.

Ryan O'Hearn, Whit Merrifield and Alex Gordon homered for Kansas City, which dropped to 2-13 in the rubber game of series this season. □

No. 1 Alabama tops preseason Top 25; Clemson, Georgia next

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

Alabama will begin its quest for a second consecutive national championship with a rare three-peat. The Crimson Tide is just the second team to be ranked No. 1 in the preseason Associated Press Top 25 poll for three straight seasons. Alabama received 42 out of 61 first-place votes.

No. 2 Clemson received 18 first-place votes. Georgia is No. 3 and Wisconsin is fourth. The Badgers received one first-place vote. Ohio State was ranked No. 5.

The preseason AP poll started in 1950 and since then only Oklahoma from 1985-87 had started No. 1 in three straight years until now.

Ring up another milestone for coach Nick Saban's Tide dynasty. Alabama has won five national championships since 2009 and now has been No. 1 to start the season five times under Saban. Last season was the first time Saban's team started and finished the season No. 1.

The Tide enter this season with a question at quarterback, but there appears to be two good answers from which Saban has to choose: Tua Tagovailoa won the College Football Playoff championship game for Alabama with a second-half comeback and overtime touchdown pass. Jalen Hurts has led the Tide to the national title game in each of his two seasons as a starter.

Whoever is quarterback, Alabama's offense should be potent with running back Damien Harris working behind a powerful line anchored by tackle Jonah Williams.

The Tide's always tough defense will have all new starters in the secondary, but defensive end Rae-kwon Davis and linebackers Mack Wilson and Dylan Moses are primed to be Alabama's next All-Americans.

The machine never stops in Tuscaloosa. One again, everybody is chasing Ala-



In this Jan. 8, 2018, file photo, Alabama head coach Nick Saban leads his team on the field before the NCAA college football playoff championship game against Georgia, in Atlanta.

bama.

NO. 1 AT BEING NO. 1

The AP poll began in 1936 and Alabama is approaching the top of a very storied list:

Ohio State — 105 weeks at No. 1

Alabama — 104

Oklahoma — 101

Notre Dame — 98

Southern California — 91

Florida State — 72

Nebraska — 70

PRESEASON FAVORITES

This is Alabama's seventh time overall being a preseason No. 1, matching USC for fourth most.

Oklahoma — 10 preseason

No. 1 rankings

Ohio State — 8

Alabama — 7

USC — 7

Florida State 6

Nebraska — 6

THE OTHER CHAMPS

Central Florida was the only team in the country to go undefeated last season and — you might have heard — the school decided to declare the Knights national champions because why not? This is college football and nobody is really in charge.

UCF is ranked in the Top 25 for the first time to the start the season, coming in 21st in the preseason poll. The Knights are the highest-ranked team not in a Power Five conference, one spot ahead of Boise State from the Mountain West. If that ranking after going unbeaten seems unusually low, it is but it is not unprecedented. In the CFP/BCS era (1998-present), 19 teams have had unbeaten seasons. Three of those teams — 1998 Tulane, 1999 Marshall, 2004 Utah — were unranked in the preseason poll the next season. Not surprisingly, all those teams played outside of what were then called BCS automatic qualifying conferences. Five other teams were ranked outside the top 10, including three from outside BCS-auto bid leagues. Boise State in 2007 was No. 24 in the preseason. Utah in 2009 started 19th. TCU began 2011 at No. 14. The only so-called power conference team to go unbeaten in the BCS/CFP era and be ranked similarly low the next season was

Auburn — twice. After going 13-0 in 2004, the Tigers started 2005 ranked 16th. After Cam Newton led Auburn to the 2010 national title, the Newton-less Tigers were ranked No. 23 to begin 2011.

BUCKEYE QUESTIONS

Urban Meyer's uncertain status as Ohio State coach cost the Buckeyes some points in the AP poll, and probably at least one rankings spot.

The AP asked voters whether Meyer being on administrative leave as Ohio State investigates what he knew about domestic violence allegations against a former assistant coach influenced how they voted in the preseason poll. Thirteen voters responded saying the uncertainty caused them to move Ohio State down.

"It's hard not to bump Ohio State down a tick," said Andy Greder of the St. Paul (Minnesota) Pioneer Press. "It's an undoubted distraction. I feel like going through fall camp without your head coach only adds to it. I gave Wisconsin

a corresponding slight bump up."

Ohio State had 1,256 points, 15 behind Wisconsin (1,271). No. 3 Georgia had 1,350 points.

The deadline for voters to submit preseason ballots was Aug. 13. The AP allowed voters to adjust their votes if any major news happened in college football from the deadline until Aug. 15 at noon ET.

NOTABLE

— No. 2 Clemson matched its best preseason ranking. The Tigers were No. 2 in 2016 and went on to win the national championship. — No. 4 Wisconsin has its best preseason ranking since 2000, when it was also No. 4. The Badgers also had one first-place vote that year.

— No. 5 Ohio State is making it 30th straight appearance in the preseason rankings (1989-2018). Only Penn State (34) and Nebraska (33) have had longer streaks.

— No. 6 Washington has its best preseason ranking since 1997, when the Huskies were No. 4. □

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Bills QB AJ McCarron getting 2nd opinion on shoulder injury

By JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)

— The Buffalo Bills' off-season-long quarterback competition is down to two players now that AJ McCarron is seeking a second opinion to determine the severity of an injury to his throwing shoulder.

Coach Sean McDermott on Sunday declined to reveal many details on McCarron's status except to say the team is still evaluating the injury after initial tests were inconclusive.

And yet McDermott acknowledged the injury will have an immediate effect on McCarron's place in the quarterback pecking order with rookie first-round pick Josh Allen and returning backup Nathan Peterman still competing for the starting job.

"Look, any time you're not on the field it's not really an ideal situation in that regard," McDermott said. "If healthy, then we pick up where we left off."

McCarron took several hits and was hurt during the first quarter of Buffalo's 19-17 preseason win at Cleveland on Friday.

The Bills avoided a major scare on another injury front.

Defensive tackle and team leader Kyle Williams is listed week to week after the 13-year veteran hurt his right knee early in the second quarter against the Browns. While the Bills practiced outdoors, Williams was spotted by The Associated Press walking into the weight room. He walked without a noticeable limp but had a long black wrap covering most of his right leg.

Safety Micah Hyde's initial concerns on Friday turned to relief upon seeing Williams at the facility.

"That's Kyle. He's a tough



Cleveland Browns defensive tackle Jamie Meder (98) tackles Buffalo Bills quarterback AJ McCarron (10) during the first half of an NFL football preseason game Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, in Cleveland. The Bills won 19-17.

guy," Hyde said. "You're going to have to cut that leg off for him not to be playing."

McDermott said rookie third-round pick Harrison Phillips will take over the starting job in Williams' absence.

Who starts at quarterback remains the major question with Buffalo preparing to host Cincinnati on Aug. 26. With McDermott being cautious against rushing Allen's development, McCarron was considered the initial front-runner for the job. He is the most experienced quarterback on the roster after spending his first four NFL seasons as Andy Dalton's backup in Cincinnati before signing with the Bills in free agency in March.

McCarron struggled in his first preseason start and had little help from an offensive line that had difficulty stopping the Browns' pass rush.

He was sacked once, hit several times and finished

going 3 of 6 for 12 yards during four series in which the Bills failed to generate a first down.

Allen replaced McCarron and led Buffalo on scoring drives — a touchdown and two field goals — on each of his three possessions. He finished 9 of 13 for 60 yards and showed poise by avoiding the pass rush and stepping up in the pocket to hit Rod Streater for a 2-yard touchdown pass in a third-and-goal situation. He particularly cleaned up his inconsistencies after going 9 of 19 for 116 yards and a touchdown in overseeing the third-stringers during the entire second half of Buffalo's preseason-opening 28-23 loss to Carolina.

In calling Allen's performance a step in the right direction, McDermott isn't ready to hand the 22-year-old the starting job just yet. "Let's just manage expectations," McDermott said. "He's a young player, and let's just take it one day at

a time right now. A lot to be learned still."

Receiver Kelvin Benjamin is impressed by Allen's poise.

"I feel like he controlled the huddle," Benjamin said, before recalling a conversation he had with Allen.

"I asked him early on, like, 'Do you get nervous.' And he was like, 'No,'" Benjamin said. "I'm like, 'Man, you're better than me because my rookie year I was kind of nervous.'"

Peterman took the first snaps in practice Sunday during the portion open to reporters.

Peterman has put up the best numbers of the three. He's completed 17 of 20 attempts for 232 yards, with two touchdowns and interception.

He was selected in the fifth-round out of Pittsburgh last year and had a forgettable rookie season. McDermott's calculated gamble to bench Tyrod Taylor and start Peterman backfired after the rookie threw five

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interceptions in the first half of a 54-24 loss at the Los Angeles Chargers on Nov. 19. NOTES: The Bills signed DT Tenny Palepoi, who was cut by the team before the start of training camp. He initially signed with Buffalo in March after spending three seasons with the Chargers. ... Backup P Cory Carter was waived/injured after he tore a knee ligament against Cleveland. □



A dog's life: fitness trackers help put fat pets on a diet

By **ADAM PEMBLE**
Associated Press

PRAGUE (AP) — When Czech entrepreneur Robert Hasek began jogging with his dog, Darwin, the three-mile runs were making the bull terrier sick with fatigue.

Hasek was surprised, thinking his dog led a healthy lifestyle. To solve the mystery, he strapped a Fitbit to Darwin and discovered he was actually only active in his presence. Otherwise, Hasek says, "he is lying, sleeping and doing nothing. He's lazy!"

The businessman sensed an opportunity and developed one of the world's first dog fitness trackers. His product is part of a growing industry of gadgets for pets that includes GPS trackers, automatic feeders, ball throwing machines for dogs to fetch, and self-cleaning litter boxes for cats.

People in the U.S. will spend \$72.1 billion this year on pet products and care, up 3.6 percent on the year in an industry that has grown steadily since the mid-90's, according to the American Pet Products Association.



The pet bull terrier owned by Czech entrepreneur Robert Hasek, wearing a doggy fitness tracker attached to the dog collar during a demonstration in Prague, Czech Republic, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

Worldwide spending in 2017 was \$109 billion dollars, according to Euro-monitor International.

Hasek first sought funding on Kickstarter and then reached out to private investors. He moved to San

Francisco for three months, tracked down Czech manufacturers and a customer service subcontractor.

Two years later, production and sales of the Actijoy fitness trackers have begun, with one unit costing about

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\$300. On top of the GPS tracking device that a variety of pet collars already offer, it tracks the intensity of the dog's activity and comes with a internet-connected bowl that monitors food and water consump-

tion. It faces competition from a range of products, from the more basic fitness monitors to more advanced technologies. The Wagz, for example, is also able to record and stream HD video from the collar. It sells for \$495 apiece.

That may be a lot for a collar, but some pet owners are willing to splurge. Among them are Millennials who put off having kids or decided against having any and have the extra income to spend, says Harrison Forbes, a dog trainer and pet products expert.

"Pet tech has been a hugely explosive part of the industry the past five or six years," he said while attending the Superzoo industry conference on pet products in Las Vegas. Technology for pets has tended to follow innovations that were meant for humans and this is an example of that, he says. □

Privacy group tells FTC Google tracking violated 2011 order

By **The Associated Press**

A privacy group said in a letter sent to the Federal Trade Commission on Friday that Google has violated the terms of a 2011 settlement because of practices exposed in an Associated Press report this week.

The Electronic Privacy Information Center said in

the letter to the FTC that Google's recording of time-stamped location data — even after users have turned off a setting called Location History — "clearly violates" the 2011 settlement.

The center lobbied the FTC to take action on Google nearly a decade ago. That helped lead to the settle-

ment in which Google agreed to a 20-year monitoring regime and vowed to not misrepresent the degree to which users have control over private data. Three days after the AP story was published Monday, Google altered a help page explanation but didn't change its tracking. The AP investigation found

that even with Location History turned off, Google stores user location when, for instance, the Google Maps app is opened, or when users conduct Google searches that aren't related to location. Automated searches of the local weather on some Android phones also store the phone's whereabouts. □

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Born out of the financial crisis, bull market nears record

By **BERNARD CONDON**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The bull market in U.S. stocks is about to become the longest in history.

If stocks don't drop significantly by the close of trading Wednesday, the bull market that began in March 2009 will have lasted nine years, five months and 13 days, a record that few would have predicted when the market struggled to find its footing after a 50 percent plunge during the financial crisis.

The long rally has added trillions of dollars to household wealth, helping the economy, and stands as a testament to the ability of large U.S. companies to squeeze out profits in tough times and confidence among investors as they shrugged off repeated crises and kept buying.

"There was no manic trading, there was no panic buying or selling," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer of Cresset Wealth Advisors. "It's been pretty steady."

The question now is when the rally will end. The Federal Reserve is undoing many of the stimulative measures that supported the market, including keeping interest rates near zero. There are also mounting threats to global trade that have unsettled investors.

For such an enduring bull market, it shares little of the hallmarks of prior rallies.

Unlike earlier rallies, individual investors have largely sat out after getting burned by two crashes in less than a decade. Trading has been lackluster, with few shares exchanging hands each day. Private companies have shown little enthusiasm, too, with fewer selling stock in initial public offerings than in previous bull runs.

Yet this bull market has been remarkably resilient. After several blows that might have killed off a less robust rally — fears of a eurozone collapse, plunging oil prices, a U.S. credit downgrade, President Donald Trump's trade fights — investors soon re-

turned to buying, avoiding a 20 percent drop in stocks that by common definition marks the end of bull markets.

alternative but to pile into stocks.

Companies moved fast to adapt to the post-financial-crisis world of sluggish

sell and waited for profits to rise again. In 2016, stocks gained 10 percent then jumped 19 percent the next year. Since the start

recessions were preceded by rate hikes by the Federal Reserve.

With stocks richly priced, there isn't much room for things to go wrong.

The prices investors are paying per share for companies are 2.2 times revenue per share, near historic peaks. And prices compared to long-term earnings are much higher than in 2007 before the market crashed.

For all its longevity and gains, the final verdict on the bull market won't be known until it ends.

The financial crisis of 2008 that ended the last bull market laid bare just how much debt and risk-taking had fueled gains in the previous seven years. The dot-com bust that ended the 90s rally showed how reckless investors had been.

This time, many of the unanswered questions concern the Fed's monetary stimulus.

How much did it help boost stocks, and thus the broader economy? Will the gains it helped manufacture prove ephemeral? What are the long-term costs of its unprecedented economic rescue effort as it faces the tricky task of unwinding its stimulus program?

Another question is the wisdom of so many buybacks. Companies have spent trillions in recent years repurchasing their own stock, which has helped lift prices in the short term but does nothing to expand operations, train workers and generally improve their business. Many of the purchases were made with borrowed money, adding to already sizable debts. □



In this Jan. 4, 2018, file photo a stock trader wears a "Dow 25,000" hat at the New York Stock Exchange.

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"I don't think anyone could have predicted the length and strength of this bull market," said David Lebovitz, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Asset Management.

One of the market's biggest winners in recent years, Facebook, wasn't even publicly traded when the bull market began. Facebook's huge run-up of more than 350 percent since going public in 2012, Apple's steady march to \$1 trillion in value, and huge gains by other tech companies like Netflix have helped push the broader market higher.

Since the rally officially began on March 9, 2009, the Standard and Poor's 500 has risen 321 percent. In the 1990s bull market, the current record holder for the longest, stocks rose 417 percent.

From the start, the Federal Reserve was a big force pushing markets higher. It slashed short-term borrowing rates to zero, then began buying trillions of dollars of bonds to push longer-term rates down, too. Investors frustrated with tiny interest payments on bonds felt they had no

U.S. growth.

They slashed costs and kept wage growth low, squeezing profits out of barely growing sales. They bought back huge amounts of their own stock and expanded their sales overseas, particularly to China's booming economy. Profit margins reached record levels, as wages sunk to record lows as measured against the size of economy.

"What people missed was how quickly U.S. corporations were restructuring and right-sizing themselves to regain profitability," said money manager James Abate, who publicly urged investors to start buying stocks in early 2009 when most were dumping them. "It was really a catalyst for turning things around."

Then came a downgrade of the U.S. credit rating in August 2011, which caused stocks to swoon, and 2013 brought another fall as Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke talked of easing off stimulus policies. In the second half 2014, oil plunged 50 percent, which rattled investors again.

Profits started falling the next year, but investors kept their nerve and didn't

of 2018, they have risen 6.6 percent, boosted by surging profits following the massive cut in corporate tax rates earlier this year. Several dangers threaten the rally.

The Fed has hiked its benchmark lending rate twice since January, and is expected raise it twice more by the end of the year.

Stocks could suffer as higher interest on bonds convinces investors to start shifting money into this safer alternative. Higher rates also increase costs for business and make expanding operations more difficult. More worrisome, rising rates can trigger recessions, which often kill bull markets. Three of the past five

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Science Says: Hotter weather turbocharges U.S. West wildfires

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
AP Science Writer

As temperatures rise in the U.S. West, so do the flames. The years with the most acres burned by wildfires have some of the hottest temperatures, an Associated Press analysis of fire and weather data found. As human-caused climate change has warmed the world over the past 35 years, the land consumed by flames has more than doubled.

Experts say the way global warming worsens wildfires comes down to the basic dynamics of fire. Fires need ignition, oxygen and fuel. And what's really changed is fuel — the trees, brush and other plants that go up in flames.

"Hotter, drier weather means our fuels are drier, so it's easier for fires to start and spread and burn more intensely," said University of Alberta fire scientist Mike Flannigan.

It's simple, he said: "The warmer it is, the more fire we see."

Federal fire and weather data show higher air temperatures are turbocharging fire season.

The five hottest Aprils to Septembers out West produced years that on average burned more than 13,500 square miles (35,000 square kilometers), according to data at the National Interagency Fire Center and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. That's triple the average for the five coldest Aprils to Septembers.

The Western summer so far is more than 3 degrees Fahrenheit (1.7 degrees Celsius) warmer than the 20th century average. Cali-



In this Aug. 7, 2018 file photo, firefighters monitor a backfire while battling the Ranch Fire, part of the Mendocino Complex Fire near Ladoga, Calif.

fornia in July logged its hottest month in 124 years of record-keeping.

The five years with the most acres burned since 1983 averaged 63.4 degrees from April to September. That's 1.2 degrees warmer than average and 2.4 degrees hotter than the years with the least acres burned, AP's data analysis shows.

In California, the five years with the most acres burned (not including this year) average 2.1 degrees warmer than the five years with the least acres burned.

A degree or two may seem like not much, but it is crucial for fuel. The hotter it is, the more water evaporates from plants. When fuel dries faster, fires spread more and burn more intensely, experts said.

For every 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit that the air warms, it needs 15 percent more rain to make up for the drying of the fuel, Flannigan said. Fuel moisture levels in Cali-

fornia and Oregon are flirting with record dry levels, NOAA western regional climate center director Tim Brown said.

And low humidity is "the key driver of wildfire spread," according to University of Colorado fire scientist Jennifer Balch who says the Western U.S. soon will start to see wildfires of 1 million acres (1,562 square miles). Veteran Colorado hotshot firefighter Mike Sugaski used to consider 10,000-acre (16-square-mile) fires big, now he fights ones 10 times that or more.

"You kind of keep saying, 'How can they get much worse?' But they do," Sugaski said.

The number of U.S. wildfires hasn't changed much over the last few decades, but the area consumed has soared.

"The year 2000 seemed to be some kind of turning point," said Randy Eardley, the fire center's chief

spokesman.

From 1983 to 1999, the United States didn't reach 10,000 square miles burned annually. Since then, 10 years have had more than 10,000 square miles burned, including 2017, 2015 and 2006 when more than 15,000 square miles burned.

Some people who reject mainstream climate science point to statistics that seem to show far more acres burned in the 1930s and 1940s. But Eardley said statistics before 1983 are not reliable because fires "may be double-counted, triple-counted or more." Nationally, more than 8,900 square miles (23,050 kilometers) have burned this year, about 28 percent more than the 10-year average as of mid-August. California is having one of its worst years.

Scientists generally avoid blaming global warming for specific extreme events

without extensive analysis, but scientists have done those extensive examinations on wildfire.

John Abatzoglou of the University of Idaho looked at forest fires and dry conditions in the Western United States from 1979 to 2015 and compared that to computer simulations of what would be expected with no human-caused climate change. He concluded that global warming had a role in an extra 16,200 square miles (42,000 square kilometers) of forests burning since 1984.

A study of the 2015 Alaska fire season — the second biggest on record — did a similar simulation analysis, concluding that climate change from the burning of coal, oil and gas increased the risk of the fire season being that severe by 34 to 60 percent.

One 2015 study said globally fire seasons are about 18.7 percent longer since 1979. Another study that year says climate change is increasing extreme wildfire risk in California where wildfires already are year-round.

Also, drought and bark beetles have killed 129 million trees in California since 2016, creating more fuel.

Contrary to fire scientists, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke this week told Breitbart radio that "what's driving" increased wildfires is an increase in fuel. He said the government has "been held hostage by environmental terrorist groups" that oppose clearing dead trees that they say provide wildlife habitat. Zinke, however, has acknowledged that climate change was a factor in worsening wildfires. □

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MTV VMAs to feature Cardi B, J. Lo and Aretha tribute

By MESFIN FEKAD

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Cardi B will make her first public appearance as a mom at the MTV Video Music Awards, and it might be worth it: She could be the night's big winner.

The rapper is the top contender with 10 nominations. She will open Monday's show, which kicks off at 9 p.m. EDT from Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Cardi B, who gave birth to Kulture Kiari Cephus last month, is up for video of the year with "Finesse," her collaboration with Bruno Mars. The song's video, inspired by the 1990s sketch comedy series "In Living Color," is also nominated for four other honors.

For the top prize, Cardi B and Mars will compete with Childish Gambino's "This Is America," Drake's "God's Plan," Beyonce and Jay-Z's "Apes--t," Camila Cabello's "Havana" and Ariana Grande's "No Tears Left to Cry."



In this Jan. 25, 2018 file photo, Cardi B attends the Warner Music Group pre-Grammy party in New York.

Most of the top nominees — including Drake, Beyonce, Jay-Z, Mars and Gambino — won't attend the VMAs. Grande, who released a new album last week, is set to perform. Other per-

formers include Travis Scott, Nicki Minaj, Shawn Mendes, the Backstreet Boys, Post Malone, Panic! At the Disco, Logic and Ryan Tedder. Jennifer Lopez, who will receive the Michael Jackson

Video Vanguard Award for lifetime achievement, will also hit the stage.

MTV also plans on honoring Aretha Franklin, who died last week from pancreatic cancer at age 76.

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As for nominees, Beyonce and Jay-Z follow Cardi B with eight bids for "Apes--t," filmed at the Louvre museum in Paris. Gambino's "This Is America," which tackles racism and gun violence, earned him seven nominations, while Drake, who gave away \$1 million dollars to Miami residents in his "God's Plan" clip, scored seven nods.

Mars, who has six nominations, is up for artist of the year alongside Cardi B, Drake, Post Malone, Cabello and Grande.

Cardi B's other nominations include best new artist, best hip-hop video for "Bartier Cardi" and best Latin video for "Dinero" with Lopez and DJ Khaled.

Others nominated for multiple VMAs include SZA, Ed Sheeran, Janelle Monae, Khalid, Alessia Cara and Dua Lipa.

Avicii, who died in April, is nominated for best dance and best visual effects for "Lonely Together," which features Rita Ora. □



Singers Daddy Yankee and Janet Jackson attend their "Made For Now" single release party at Samsung on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, in New York.

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Janet Jackson, Daddy Yankee celebrate release of new song

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Janet Jackson's fans were so energetic at an event Friday for her new single that one fan chimed in so the icon could speak without interruption. "Everybody, be quiet. We can't hear her," a girl yelled, as Jackson

and the rest of the packed room at Samsung 837 in New York burst into laughter.

The excitement was around Jackson's festive song "Made for Now," which features Puerto Rican rapper Daddy Yankee and was released Friday. Jackson thanked the crowd

for attending and said, "Please spread the love." She introduced Yankee to the stage, calling him her "partner-in-crime in this song."

He noted that the room included a diverse group of people, saying: "The beautiful thing is we got everybody in the building." □

In Sandie Jones' novel, a mom is lurking monster

By OLIVE H. COGDILL

Associated Press

"The Other Woman" (Minotaur), by Sandie Jones The other woman in the title of Sandie Jones' thriller isn't an ex-girlfriend, a new affair or an obsessive stalker — though heroine Emily Havistock might welcome any of those rivals for the affections of Adam Banks. Instead, the conniving woman who wants to keep Adam all to herself is

the one person Emily has no chance against — his mother, Pammie.

British author Jones delivers a tightly coiled story in "The Other Woman" and fills it with believable characters. Jones' first novel showcases the limitless boundaries — and continuing appeal — of the domestic mystery while adding elements of the psychological thriller. Emily quickly falls for London IT recruiter Adam, and

he feels the same about her. Her only hesitation is Adam never wants to talk about his past or his family, preferring to deflect any questions by asking about her background. Emily begins to wonder just what happened to Adam's previous girlfriend who died in an accident and whose body was found by Pammie. Jones keeps "The Other Woman" on a brisk path as she delves into the

motives of a homegrown monster. Yet Jones doesn't go overboard developing Pammie's character. Everyone knows someone whose compliments are veiled insults, or "a barbed snipe," and whose neediness consumes the air around them. Emily's love for Adam and her misgivings about him are believable. Although the ending feels rushed, Jones still keeps the story intriguing. □



This cover image released by Minotaur shows "The Other Woman," a novel by Sandie Jones.

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In a comeback season for Hollywood, a summer without bombs

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Have you noticed something oddly tranquil about this summer movie season? For the first time in recent memory, there hasn't been one major bomb.

Usually by now, there would be blockbuster-sized craters left on the charred summer-movie battlefield, the inevitable toll of Hollywood's most high-stakes season.

But this year, summer-movie bomb-watching, long one of the most dependable spectator sports of the season, has gone entirely without the sight of a "Lone Ranger"-sized mushroom cloud.

After the cataclysmic, the-sky-is-falling summer of 2017, when overall grosses slid 14.6 percent from the year before, Hollywood has rebounded. Ticket sales in North America this summer are up 11.3 percent, according to comScore. The comeback is even more pronounced when you factor in that the an-



This image released by Disney Pixar shows a scene from "Incredibles 2."

nual Marvel movie kickoff to summer slid just ahead of the official first weekend of May start, shifting the \$678.5 million domestic for Disney's "Avenger: Infinity War" to the spring.

Amid a remarkably turbulent time for the movie business, this summer has been surprisingly, almost weirdly, steady.

"The studios did what they were supposed to," said Kyle Davies, domestic distribution chief for Paramount Pictures. "This notion that people are tired of going to the theaters, I don't be-

lieve it for a second. I think people are ready every weekend: 'Give me a reason to come.'"

Paramount didn't have a lot of releases over the summer but coming off the spring success of "A Quiet Place," Davies said, "Things have turned around." "Mission: Impossible — Fallout," the sixth installment in the Tom Cruise franchise, is approaching \$500 million worldwide, and the Diane Keaton-Jane Fonda-starring "Book Club" has, with \$68.6 million, fared better than most comedies this year.

But even Tom Cruise, despite all his powers, can do only so much to tip the overall box office. So what's behind the bounce back?

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MoviePass, the flailing subscription service, has claimed responsibility. Subscription moviegoing has surely had an additive effect, bringing more regular visitors to theaters.

But how much? There's no statistical evidence of MoviePass boosting bottom lines, and studio executives downplay its influence as minimal. ("Mission: Impossible," for one, wasn't initially available on MoviePass.) MoviePass, which this week reduced its plan to three movies a month, says it accounts for 6 percent of all domestic tickets.

Mid-summer, AMC trotted out its own \$20-a-month subscription option, attracting 260,000 subscribers in its first seven weeks. AMC on Thursday said that's trans-

lated to about 1 million admissions or about 4 percent of U.S. moviegoers at AMC theaters, the country's largest chain.

Jeff Bock, senior box-office analyst for Exhibitor Relations, said it's difficult to extrapolate how big a driver subscription services have been, though he credited the copious attention and drama around MoviePass with fueling moviegoing awareness.

He's more inclined to point to the improved studio project, specifically sequels like "Incredibles 2," "Ant-Man and the Wasp" and "Deadpool 2."

"The one thing that was very different from last year's sequels is that people wanted to see these. That's what it comes down to," said Bock.

"You can say Hollywood's running on good credit and that's probably one of the reasons people are coming out weekend after weekend."

The difference in Pixar releases alone accounts for a yawning \$440 million gap. Last summer, the little-loved "Cars 3" grossed \$152.9 million domestically; this year, "Incredibles 2," the summer's biggest smash, has earned \$590.3 million in North America. □

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Backstreet Boys fans treated for injuries after storm

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THACKERVILLE, Okla. (AP)

— An Oklahoma casino says 14 people suffered cuts and bruises when a powerful rainstorm toppled entrance trusses and disrupted the start of an outdoor concert by the Backstreet Boys. Kym Koch-Thompson, spokeswoman for the WinStar World Casino and Resort, says the concertgoers were treated at the scene following Saturday's storm, then taken to hospitals in Oklahoma and Texas. She says they were all treated for minor injuries and released. The casino in Thackerville is



In this June 6, 2018 file photo, Kevin Richardson, Howie Dorough, Nick Carter, Brian Littrell, and AJ McLean of Backstreet Boys, perform "Don't go Breaking My Heart" in Nashville, Tenn.

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about 70 miles (110 kilometers) northwest of Dallas. Koch-Thompson says the

concert was postponed. A new date hasn't yet been set. □

'The Sinner' was cathartic for Emmy nominee Jessica Biel

By BROOKE LEFFERTS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — As a kid, like a lot of us, Jessica Biel practiced giving a speech in front of a mirror for that fairytale moment when she won a top award.

But unlike most of us, Biel's moment has a chance to come true — she's nominated for an Emmy Award for best lead actress in a limited series for her role in "The Sinner," the USA Network series that she stars in — and helped bring about as its executive producer. And now that the moment is closer — the Emmy Awards will be presented next month — she's worried that she might get a little tongue-tied.

"I've recently had a thought of like 'do I need to prepare something?'... I'm a really bad public speaker when I have to be me, I'm way more nervous about it. So I'm not quite sure what to do with that yet. I'm still trying to figure out, you know, do you have a paper just in case? But then what if you lose? Now you have this paper and it's like embarrassing," she said, laughing. "I haven't quite put together what my path is yet."

Her acting path has taken her far. She started out as a teen in the TV series "7th Heaven" and has starred in numerous TV and film roles



In this Aug. 15, 2018 file photo, actress-producer Jessica Biel attends a USA Network's "The Sinner" screening and conversation at 92Y in New York.

since then. But her biggest role has been as a mom to son Silas with husband Justin Timberlake; she's been in Europe this summer with the family, accompanying Timberlake on tour.

In a recent interview, Biel talked about the satisfaction of bringing "The Sinner" to the small screen, its dark nature, and escaping with her husband and 3-year-old son.

Associated Press: This was your project, you're the show's executive producer, so was it extra-sweet?

Biel: I think when you put so much heart and blood,

sweat and tears, and you're there at the beginning and you know you have no idea if this thing's going to even work, and then it works and it really works. And then not only do you have a great audience response, but your community really loves it and specifically your performance, it's awesome.

AP: The show is dark. How did you get to those places and sustain it?

Biel: It was definitely the most challenging creative experience — emotional experience — I've had at work ever because it was

relentless. ... Honestly it's hard to describe in words how you get into a place like that. But what I know for sure is that I just felt great compassion for this woman, even though she did something so horrific. I somehow connected with her and related to her — I think probably one element was because she was a mom and the idea of having a small kid and never seeing that kid again because you're in prison for the rest of your life. ... I mean I could just get emotional thinking about that. ... And honestly, I think I was exorcising a lot of my

own demons. ... My own baggage and history and trauma that I've had in my past. Obviously I ... don't have an experience like this woman has had, but I have my own stuff. And I think it was an amazing place to just kind of work it and get catharsis through it and just splay out like all of my guts on the table every day in a safe environment. It's kind of an amazing part of the job that I do.

AP: How did you compartmentalize it and go home to your son?

Biel: I thought it was going to be really hard, and it was like my sanctuary, you know? At the end of the day, I could throw it all off on the floor and leave it at work and go home to something very simple. You know what it's like when you have a 2- or 3-year-old: food, play, water, change the diaper, take a nap (laughs). Things need to be done. There's no complicated mind games, there's no complicated emotions. ... And there was something freeing about that.

AP: How has your summer been touring with your family?

Biel: I really love (to travel) and I just feel grateful that we're having this experience. It's definitely not without its challenges having a small kid, moving him around a lot. □

David Cross show on at Utah college after 'offensive' tweet

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The University of Utah says a tweet from comedian David Cross showing him wearing undergarments sacred to the Mormon faith was "deeply offensive" but the college won't consider calls for the cancellation of his performance on campus Wednesday. College president Ruth Watkins criticized the tweet in a statement issued Sunday but said it free speech protected by the First Amendment and that the university "cannot and will not censor

content of those coming to campus."

The actor and comic known for his character on TV's "Arrested Development" series responded to the criticism by tweeting "Holy 'moly!' My opening 10 minutes are going to be on fire!!!" His representative, Michael O'Brien, did not immediately return an email message Monday seeking comment.

Members of the faith wear white, two-piece cotton undergarments daily considered similar to holy vestments in other faiths, like a Catholic nun's habit or

a Muslim skullcap. In the photo, Cross is seen wearing the clothing that resembles a T-shirt and shorts outside of a clothing-store dressing room, with a tagline that reads "Utah! Learn the real truth!" The university is a public college in Salt Lake City, where the faith is based. About two-thirds of Utah's population belongs to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and many University of Utah students are also Mormon. But it's often seen as a secular alternative to the private, church-owned Brigham Young University. □



In this Dec. 14, 2017 file photo, actor David Cross attends the premiere of "The Post" in Washington.

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Tourists go off beaten path on North Korea's sacred volcano

By ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press

MOUNT PAKTU, North Korea (AP) — Foreign tourists looking to go off the beaten path in North Korea can now camp out on the country's biggest volcano.

Hoping to open up a side of North Korea rarely seen by outsiders, a New Zealander who has extensive experience climbing the mountains of North and South Korea is leading the first group of foreign tourists allowed to trek off road and camp out under the stars on Mount Paektu, a huge volcano that straddles the border that separates China and North Korea.

In 946 AD, Paektu was the site of one of the largest eruptions in history. It is considered one of the most beautiful natural sites in North Korea and is still active, though there haven't been any big eruptions in recent years.

It's revered in the North for its links to the ruling Kim family and is considered the spiritual home of the Korean revolution. Trips to the mountain are popular with North Koreans who visit with their schools, work units or other social groups on excursions that are part indoctrination and part recreation. It's also popular with Chinese tourists and smaller foreign tour groups who can stay in nearby hotels and drive right up to its crater to see the blue waters of Lake Chon in Paektu's caldera.

But Roger Shepherd, found-



In this Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, photo, Tarjei Naess Skrede of Norway who is hiking with Roger Shepherd of Hike Korea stands near a view of the caldera and Lake Chon on Mount Paektu in North Korea.

er of Hike Korea, which is based in the South, managed to convince North Korean government officials to let him take his guests off the beaten path for the first time.

The area around the mountain features several reconstructed "secret campsites" said to have been used by national founder Kim Il Sung and his guerrillas in the fight against the Japanese colonial rulers before 1945 — a possible reason why the idea of allowing a foreign camping excursion clicked with the local authorities. But Shepherd's group has for the most part managed to avoid the typical minibus and propaganda lecture experience that often

awaits foreign tourists here. On Saturday, the group climbed the mountain from near its base, walked to the lake from the rim and then hiked out across a volcanic plateau to pitch their tents for the first of five nights they were to spend on the hike.

Under leader Kim Jong Un, North Korea has placed a high priority on developing its tourism industry as a source of much-needed foreign currency and as an industry that can be fairly closely controlled and monitored.

It is currently carrying out massive infrastructure projects in several locations, including at Samjiyon, the largest city near Mount Paektu, and in the eastern port city of Wonsan and the adjacent Mount Kumgang area, which was open to South Korean tourists until around 2008, when a South Korean housewife was shot for wandering into a restricted area.

Any big expansion in the numbers of foreign tourists will require an easing of international sanctions in place to push Kim to aban-

don his nuclear weapons program. Shepherd's trekking group was made up of two Australian women and two Norwegian men. Tourists from the United States are blocked from coming to North Korea by a travel ban imposed by President Donald Trump in response to the death of American college student Otto Warmbier, who died shortly after his release from North Korean custody for allegedly trying to steal a propaganda banner.

By the time Warmbier was released, he was in a vegetative state. What happened to Warmbier while he was in custody remains unclear.

Incidents involving tourists are rare, however, and Shepherd said his intention is to get beyond politics during the hike.

He said that after the first day, the trekkers had already begun to forge bonds with their North Korean guides.

"I hope that it's because mountains and nature does that," he said. "Out here it's very apolitical. There's no need for the nonsense out here. We're all trying to do the same thing. Work together as a team, pitch tents, eat together walk together. In my experience, that's a good way for these guys to see the real people of this country." □



In this Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, photo, Sinead of Australia, chats with Paula of Australia and Tarjei Naess Skrede of Norway during a on Mount Paektu in North Korea.

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In this Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, photo, a group of foreign hikers lead by Roger Shepherd of Hike Korea, visits a monument near Mount Paektu in North Korea.

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